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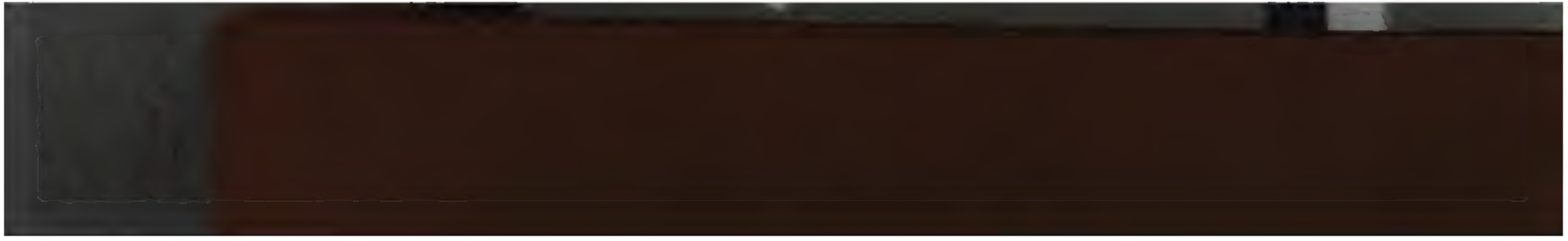
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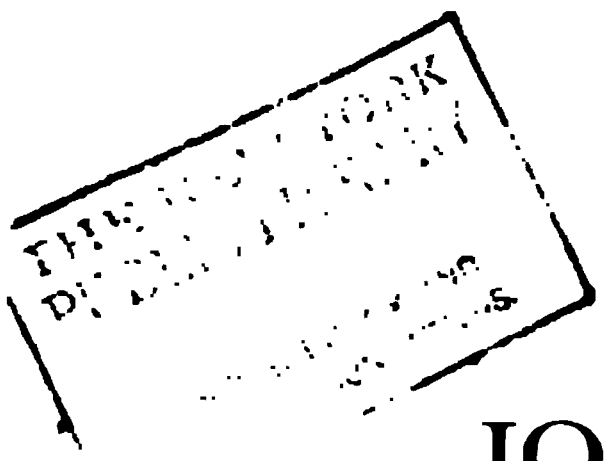
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Notice of the Meeting of the Convocation.

San Juan, P. R., March 28, 1905.

In accordance with the provisions of the Canons of the Church, notice is hereby given that there will be held, in the Church of St. John the Baptist, in the city of San Juan, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 9 and 10, 1905, the First Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico.

The Convocation will begin with the corporate celebration of the Holy Communion, at 10:15 A. M., to be followed by the Bishop's Address, Organization, Election of Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Standing Committee, Reports of Woman's Auxiliary, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, formation of other Committees, Guilds and Societies, Discussion and Action upon the United Offering of the Men of the Church at the General Convention in Richmond, in 1907, together with such other business as may properly come before the Convocation. The Reverend Clergy, the Teachers, Lay Readers, and other workers are requested to be present. Parishes and Missions will please send, each one, Two Lay Delegates elected at the Easter Monday Meeting, or else appointed by the Clergymen, to represent the Parishes or Missions, and to have a vote in the proceedings.

The Offertory at the celebration of the Holy Communion will be for the work of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in the United States. Hospitality will be provided.

Asking God's blessing upon the Church here and in all lands, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Jas. H. Van Buren,

Bishop of Puerto Rico.

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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 1905, 10.15 O'CLOCK A. M.

In accordance with the notice sent out on March 28th by the Bishop, the clerical and lay delegates assembled in the Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Walter Mitchell, the Rector of the Church. The alms of the Offertory were appropriated for the work of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in the United States.

At 11 o'clock A. M. the Bishop, the Right Reverend James Heartt Van Buren, D.D., took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The election of a Secretary being in order, the name of Mr. George L. Nelson was proposed, and it was upon motion:—

Resolved, That the Chair be requested to cast one ballot in favor of Mr. George L. Nelson as Secretary.

On motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

Resolved, That the Provisional Order of Business and Rules of Order, sent out by the Bishop, be adopted as the Order of Business and Rules of Order of this Convocation until altered or other rules be adopted.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Convocation from the list provided by the Bishop as follows (the names of those not present are printed in *italics*):—

LIST OF CLERGY CANONICALLY RESIDENT

The Right Reverend JAMES HEARTT VAN BUREN, D.D., Bishop.
The Rev. *Joseph N. Bean*
The Rev. *David W. Bland*
The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL
The Rev. *Z. Vall Spinoza*
The Rev. WILLIAM WATSON.

Total number of clergymen, 6. Present, 3. Absent, 3.

LIST OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS AND OF LAY DELEGATES FROM THE SAME.

Place.	*Parish or Mission.*	*Lay Delegates.*
Mayagüez,	St. Andrew's,	
Ponce,	Holy Trinity,	George L. Nelson.
Puerta de Tierra,	St. Luke's,	Napoleon F. John.
		Paul P. Keen.
San Juan,	St. John the Baptist,	George T. Waymouth.
		Henry W. Dooley.
Vieques,	All Saints,	Cain Callwood.
		John Sprott.

Total number of Parishes and Missions, 5, represented by 7 delegates. Present 4. Absent, 3.

The Chair stated that although there was not a parliamentary quorum, in order to proceed with business, he would announce a quorum present and declare the Convocation organized for business.

The Bishop then announced the following appointments:—

1. Committee on Qualifications

The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND. Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

2. Chancellor,

Hon. JAMES H. MACLEARY.

3. Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions,

The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND. Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

4. Committee on Finance,

The BISHOP. The TREASURER.

Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

5. Committee on Unfinished Business,

The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND. Mr. GEORGE L. NELSON.

6. Committee on Nominations,

The Rev. WILLIAM WATSON. Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

Mr. NAPOLEON F. JOHN.

7. Standing Committee, (as required by Canon of the General Convention)

The Rev. WILLIAM WATSON. Mr. GEORGE L. NELSON.
The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL. Mr. W. V. ROBBINS.
Mr. GEORGE T. WAYMOUTH

8. Auditing Committee

Mr. GEORGE T. WAYMOUTH. Mr. J. D. H. LUCE.
Dr. W. N. BERKELEY.

(This Committee was changed later by the substitution of the Rev. Walter Mitchell for Mr. George T. Waymouth, on account of the election of the latter as Treasurer.)

On motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the Chair to which shall be referred the communication from the Central Committee of the General Convention for the Missionary Thank Offering.

The Chair appointed as such committee

The Rev. WILLIAM WATSON. Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

Upon the request of this Committee the Secretary then read, for the information of the members of the Convocation, a copy of the letter sent by the Central Committee to the Bishop of each Diocese and Missionary District and also a copy of the correspondence between Bishop Moreland and the Central Committee.

On motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That the (suggested) Constitution and Canons be referred to the Committee of the same when that Committee shall have been elected.

The Rev. Walter Mitchell then announced that arrangements had been made for the entertainment of the delegates, and upon his motion the Convocation adjourned until 2:30 o'clock P. M.

2.30 O'CLOCK P.M.

The Bishop called the Convocation to order and announced the list of officers and committees to be elected.

The Committee on Nominations made their report as follows:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

For Treasurer

Mr. GEORGE T. WAYMOUTH.

For Registrar

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL.

For Committee on Constitution and Canons

The Rev. WILLIAM WATSON. The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL.
Mr. PAUL P. KEEN.

For Committee on Episcopal Support

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL. Mr. GEORGE T. WAYMOUTH.
Mr. NAPOLEON F. JOHN.

There being no other nominations, upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cast one ballot in favor of the nominations of the Committee.

The Secretary accordingly cast one ballot as instructed and announced that the gentlemen who had been nominated by the Committee had been elected.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the Bishop delivered his Annual Address. See Appendix, I.

Following the Bishop's Annual Address, upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That that part of the Bishop's Address referring to the importance of our people subscribing to Church papers, in so far as it applies to the "Spirit of Missions," be referred to a special Committee of three members to be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair thereupon appointed as such committee the following:—

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL. The Rev. WILLIAM WATSON.
Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

The Chair then called for reports of committees.

There having been no Treasurer nor Registrar for the past year, there were no reports.

The Chairman of the Standing Committee requested that the report of the Standing Committee be postponed till the next day, which was allowed.

On account of absence the report of the Chancellor was omitted.

There having been no committees on Episcopal Support, and on the Admission of New Parishes and Missions, there were no reports.

The Committee on the "Men's United Thank Offering" reported in the form of a motion as follows:—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the Bishop, on nomination by the rector or minister-in-charge of each Parish or Mission, consisting of one layman from each Parish or Mission for the purpose of taking charge of ways and means for collecting the Thank Offering to be made by the men of the Church at the General Convention at Richmond in 1907.

It was carried.

The Bishop, thereupon, upon nomination by the rectors and ministers-in-charge of the various Parishes and Missions, appointed the following

COMMITTEE

From the Parish of St. John the Baptist, San Juan,
Mr. George T. Waymouth

From the Mission of St. Luke, Puerta de Tierra,
Mr. Walter Chapman

From the Parish of Holy Trinity, Ponce,
Mr. W. V. Robbins

From the Mission of San Pedro, Ponce,
Mr. A. E. Horton

From the Mission of San Tomás, Ponce,
Mr. P. J. Cabrera

From the Mission of St. Mary the Virgin, Ponce,
Mr. Hilario Villafaña

From Aguirre,
Mr. George L. Nelson

The Provisional Order of Business was referred by the Chair to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, to report at the next day's session.

Upon motion, the Convocation then adjourned till the next day at 8.30 o'clock A. M.

SECOND DAY.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1905, 8.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Walter Mitchell.

At 9 o'clock A. M. the Bishop took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The minutes of the proceedings of the first day were read by the Secretary.

Mr. Henry W. Dooley suggested the propriety of substituting someone upon the Auditing Committee in place of Mr. George T. Waymouth, who had been elected Treasurer.

The Bishop thereupon appointed the Rev. Walter Mitchell as member of the Auditing Committee in place of Mr. George T. Waymouth.

The minutes were then approved as altered.

The Bishop stated that the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of West Virginia had been adopted by him as the Constitutions and Canons of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico subject to alteration by the Convocation, but suggested that the new Constitution and Canons be not printed as the official Constitution and Canons till approved by the House of Bishops.

The Rev. Walter Mitchell, for the Committee on Constitution and Canons, presented the Constitution and Canons, and the Provisional Order of Business and Provisional Rules of Order, with alterations as recommended by the Committee, for adoption by the Convocation.

Upon motion of Mr. Henry W. Dooley, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons be accepted and placed before the Convocation for action.

The Constitution with alterations was then discussed and adopted article by article, subject to approval of the House of Bishops.

The following reports were then called for by the Bishop.

In the absence of the Rev. David W. Bland, the Bishop made a verbal report of the starting of a Mission at Mayagüez, of which the Rev. David W. Bland had charge.

The Rev. William Watson made short verbal reports of the Mission school work of Miss Minnie L. Fordham at La Carmelita, and of the Parochial school work of Miss Frances Cuddy at Ponce.

Miss Anna M. Reed made a report of the Parochial school work at San Juan.

The Rev. Leonard Read made a verbal report of his work in Ponce.

Mrs Van Buren made a Report of

THE PUERTO RICAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

as follows:—

I was appointed by the Bishop in October, 1903, at the request of the General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, to act as Secretary for Puerto Rico. On March 22, 1904, the Parochial Branch of the Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, was organized, with 14 members. On January 29, 1905, the Parochial branch of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ponce, was organized, with 25 members. At Puerta de Tierra, the women of St. Luke's Mission are about to organize.

All the women of the branches will have mite boxes for their offerings for the next Triennial Offering, which amounts will be collected semi-annually, and placed in a bank until 1907. We have now 2 branches, 39 members, 5 parochial and one diocesan officer.

We are asked to contribute from the Woman's Auxiliary of this Missionary District, $15.00 this year toward the annual contribution of $100,000 for the general work of the Board of Missions. This amount we shall send soon, and it is the only contribution for this year which I have to report.

On October 4th, 1904, there was much applause at the meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in Boston, when it was announced that Puerto Rico was represented by a delegate. I took with me samples of the drawn work made by the Parish Needlework Guild of Ponce, and some of it was sold and orders were received for more. Many letters have been received and answered, inquiring about the needs and conditions here. A number of boxes of clothing and supplies have been received and distributed. We thus occupy a dual position, as members of the Auxiliary, and recipients of its bounty.

At the time of the United Offering, in Boston, October 6, I placed in the alms basin $17.80, being the amount of the contents of the mite boxes of a few members of the San Juan Branch, after only six months' existence. I hope that at least $100 may be given in 1907.

In response to an appeal which I have made in addresses at Boston and elsewhere, for a rectory for the Parish at Bolondron, Cuba, I have received a substantial sum, which has been turned over to the

Treasurer of the Board of Missions, Bishop Knight having acknowledged the same. I have encountered everywhere the same kind interest and desire to know more about our work in Puerto Rico.

ANNIE M. VAN BUREN, *Secretary.*

Mr. George L. Nelson made a short verbal report upon the conditions at Aguirre, where no regular work has been undertaken as yet.

Mr. Napoleon F. John made a verbal report of the work at Puerta de Tierra.

The Rev. Walter Mitchell made a verbal report of the work in San Juan since his arrival from the United States.

Mr. Henry W. Dooley made a verbal report of the work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in San Juan.

The Rev. William Watson made a verbal report of the work and conditions in Ponce.

The Canons, with alterations as recommended by the Committee on Constitution and Canons, subject to approval of the House of Bishops, were then discussed and adopted Canon by Canon, with the exception of Canon 8, which, upon motion of Mr. Henry W. Dooley, was laid on the table till after luncheon.

The Rules of Order, with alterations as recommended by the Committee on Constitution and Canons, were discussed and adopted rule by rule.

Upon motion the Convocation adjourned for luncheon till 2.30 o'clock P. M.

2.30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Bishop called the Convocation to order, and the Rev. Walter Mitchell presented a substitute for Canon 8, which was adopted.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

Resolved, That the Constitution and Canons as adopted with amendments be adopted as the Constitution and Canons of this Missionary District, subject to the approval of the House of Bishops.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

Resolved, That the Provisional Order of Business be taken up for consideration.

The Provisional Order of Business, with alterations as recommended by the Committee on Constitution and Canons, was then discussed and adopted paragraph by paragraph.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

Resolved, That the Provisional Order of Business as adopted with amendments be adopted as the Order of Business of the Convocation.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

Resolved, That the Provisional Rules of Order as adopted with amendments be adopted as the Rules of Order of the Convocation. (For Order of Business and Rules of Order, see Appendix IV.)

Upon motion of the Rev. William Watson it was

Resolved, That the place of meeting of the next Convocation be left to the discretion of the Bishop.

Upon motion of Mr. Henry W. Dooley it was

Resolved, That the number of journals to be published be referred to the Secretary in conjunction with the Bishop, and the cost of publication be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Chair called for the postponed report of the Standing Committee and the Rev. William Watson presented and read the following

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

To the Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico:

There have been two meetings of the Standing Committee. The first was in April, 1904, at which meeting the Committee reported favorably on the admission of Mr. Leonard Read as a candidate for Priest's Orders, and on the admission of Mr. A. E. Horton as a candidate for Deacon's Orders.

On the 31st of January, 1905, the Standing Committee met to sign Mr. Leonard Read's papers for Ordination to the Diaconate.

During the past year the Standing Committee lost the valued services of Mr. H. O. Wells, on account of his permanent departure from the Island. Mr. W. V. Robbins was appointed by the Bishop to fill the vacancy.

For the Standing Committee,
WILLIAM WATSON, *Chairman.*

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair to take up the whole question of the Sunday School, and to report on the same at the next annual Convocation.

The Chair named as such a

COMMITTEE

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL — The Rev. LEONARD READ
Mr. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

The Committee on Finance reported that it was impossible at this time to make a detailed report.

Upon motion of the Rev. William Watson it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, and the ladies of the Church of St. John the Baptist, for the courtesies and hospitality extended to the Convocation.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

Resolved, That after prayers and benediction by the Bishop the Convocation adjourn without day.

The minutes of this day were read by the Secretary and were approved.

After Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the first Annual Meeting of the Convocation adjourned without day.

Attest: GEORGE L. NELSON,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

THE BISHOP'S CONVOCATION ADDRESS

To the Members of Christ's Body, the Church, in the Missionary District of Puerto Rico, Greeting:—Grace, Mercy and Peace be multiplied upon you.

To-day marks an era of progress in our work. We are assembled in convocation for the first time, to perfect the organization of our forces; not only for the sake of further advance, but also for the sake of carrying out the law and principle of ecclesiastical life in virtue of which we are not a mere group of individuals, but a family; not a mere cluster of segregated parishes and missions, having no more cohesion than the dead timbers and fragments of wood that happen to have been piled up or thrown together haphazard; but as "a tree planted by the waterside," whereof each Parish and Mission is a living branch, some larger, some smaller, each made up of individuals who are as the twigs that bear the fruit, all deriving their life through the trunk which is the Holy Church, through which we are joined to the Root and Stem of David; and that Root and Stem is Christ. There is this difference between dead timber and the living tree; that the tree "bringeth forth her fruit in due season," as the Psalmist says, and "its leaf shall not wither," as he further observes.

In the Church thus organized every part is interested in every other part. No branch can prosper without adding to the beauty and fruitfulness of the whole tree, no new twig can be added without enlisting the sympathetic interest of all the existing branches. No part can suffer through misfortune or through the lack of vital connection with the Root, without in so far forth enfeebling the whole tree.

In the laws or canons which we shall here adopt, it must be remembered, we are not creating the Church in Puerto Rico, we are not inventing principles for its guidance. We are simply recognizing and declaring the principles which already exist, which have existed from the day when first a feeble mis-

sion was planted in the town of Ponce, some 35 years ago, by the Mother Church of England; principles which may have lain dormant until there was a sufficient degree of strength in the plant to assert and formulate the existing vitality, but which are the secret of past growth, the essential of future progress.

In the four and a half years since the care of this work was entrusted to me, it has been necessary to do two things and only two, namely: to nurse the existing missions, and establish new ones. But these two duties now involve an amount of detail which no one man alone can fulfil. The point of progress at which we find ourselves to-day could not have been reached had there not been faithful helpers to whose fidelity I take pleasure in acknowledging my obligation. The three Missions which I found here have become ten, in the four years past, with three vigorous Mission schools. The feeble have grown in strength, but this could not have happened had there not been coöperation on the part of many members. For this coöperation, which is an essential principle of the Church's life and growth, I thank God, and ask Him to reward all who have joined therein, not only here in this frontier and colonial possession, but also in the home land, where the hardest part of my duty has lain, in making known to people from one end to the other of the Church's borders, the great need and opportunity open before us here. This has made it necessary that I should absent myself from the post of service to which I have been appointed, and for six months in the year go from parish to parish, and from city to city, asking the supply of your need. The response has been generous, the coöperation has been willing, and the results of the work have now to be reviewed. May God bless and reward all those who have helped me, and have not turned away their faces from the voice of my appeal. By their cooperation, oftentimes, I know full well, at the cost of a willing sacrifice but a sacrifice still, we have been enabled to do the following necessary things.

Starting out with the declared intention of raising $30,000 for the Puerto Rico Equipment Fund, I have succeeded in raising some $28,000 of the amount, and have reason to believe the balance will not be long wanting. This has made it neces-

sary that I should speak and make public and private appeals, send out hundreds of letters, and thousands of circulars, publish many magazine articles, and travel over much territory. I have had no vacation since I came to Puerto Rico in February of 1901, but have made, each summer, more than 100 addresses in the various parishes in the home land.

With the funds thus gathered, every dollar of which has passed through the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, who has kept a strict account thereof, it being my habit never under any circumstances to accept a fiduciary trust without some such safeguard, the following expenditures have been made:—

For the purchase of land and erection of this church building in San Juan, out of a total cost (not including the Sanctuary window nor the furnishings) of some $28,000, the Equipment Fund has supplied, in round figures, some $12,000. The balance came as follows: From Mr. Geo. C. Thomas of Philadelphia, $6,000; from a building fund raised here, $2,000, and on my own notes, $4,000. The balance, of $4,000, was advanced by the Board of Missions and has in part been extinguished by contributions for Puerto Rico, not otherwise designated. I believe there is a balance still awaiting that form of extinguishment of some $1500. Last summer I succeeded in paying from the Equipment Fund $2,000 of my personal loan and $360 interest. Another note for $1,000, on which I borrowed that amount from a generous friend here in San Juan, is being gradually paid by the lender himself; and the remaining $1000, which was loaned to me by the late Mr. Dumaresq, he left as a legacy to the Parish at his decease.

Of the articles of church furnishing which have been placed here, many of my personal friends in the States have been the donors. The plan of this building, its architecture and details, were the subject of study during the two weary years while we were waiting for a lease to expire on the house which stood here when we bought. I accept the responsibility and the criticisms which this building may involve, it being due to the Vestry to state that the type of architecture employed was not in accordance with the wishes of the majority, they having consented to its erection under protest and in deference to my wishes.

Thus, to continue the history of the Equipment Fund, were expended toward the cost of the erection of this church about $12,000.

In the opening and equipment of St. Luke's Church in Puerta de Tierra, about $500.

In necessary repairs of All Saints' Church, Vieques, and in the purchase of a building that was being erected on land adjacent to the church, about $500.

For the purchase of a lot adjoining Church property in Ponce, which will forever prevent the shutting out of light and ventilation, by making the Church property face on three streets with a park on the south side, the Equipment Fund has supplied $4,000.

In the purchase of land and erection of the Bishop's residence in Rio Piedras, about $7,000.

In the cost of raising the money of the Equipment Fund, I have spent some $1,500.

There is on hand an unexpended balance, deposited with the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, of about $2,500.

With this balance I am in possession of a beginning toward a number of enterprises, reference to which will be made later on.

We have at the present time the following points at which we are holding services, either in the form of Parish organizations, or as Missions: (I try to follow the order of their ages)

1 Ponce, Church of the Holy Trinity. Rev. Wm. Watson, Rector; Rev. Leonard Read, Assistant.
2 Vieques, All Saints' Church. Rev. J. N. Bean, Minister in Charge.
3 San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist. Rev. Walter Mitchell, Rector.
4 Puerta de Tierra, St. Luke's Mission. Rev. Walter Mitchell, Minister in Charge.
5 Ponce, Playa, St. Peter's Mission. Rev. Wm. Watson, Minister in Charge; Rev. Leonard Read, Deacon assisting.
6 Ponce, (West end) St. Thomas' Mission. Rev. Wm. Watson, Minister in Charge; Rev. Leonard Read, Deacon assisting.
7 Central Aguirre, Mission of the Epiphany. Rev. Wm. Watson, Minister in Charge; Mr. Geo. L. Nelson.
8 La Carmelita, St. Mary's Mission. Rev. Wm. Watson, Minister in Charge; Mr. P. J. Cabrera, Missionary assisting.
9 Esperanza, Hope Mission. Rev. Wm. Watson, Minister in Charge; Miss M. L. Fordham, Teaching assistant.

10 Mayagüez, St Andrew's Mission. Rev. David W. Bland, Minister in Charge.

We have three flourishing Mission Schools, or Parish Schools, as follows:—

1 In the parish of St. John the Baptist, San Juan. Miss Anna M. Reed, Teacher, assisted by Dolores Quiñones, with an enrollment of 75 children.
2 In the parish of the Holy Trinity, Ponce. Miss Frances Cuddy, Teacher, and Miss Sarah Davidson, Parish Helper, having 50 pupils.
3 At Esperanza. Miss Minnie L. Fordham, Teacher, with an enrollment of 30 children. At this point a night school for adults has also been held the past winter with some 25 pupils.

For the maintenance of the Church's work in Puerto Rico, the Board of Missions makes an appropriation of a little more than $10,000 a year. This appropriation is applicable only to the payment of salaries, the funds of the Board being insufficient for the acquirement of property. This is the reason why it is necessary for the Bishop to go north each year in quest of funds for the equipment and extension of the Church. All the property now held by us in Puerto Rico is vested in the Board of Missions, as Trustees, to hold the same for the use of the Church in Puerto Rico forever.

The funds of the Board of Missions are derived mainly from the contributions of the Parishes, in accordance with a system of apportionment, whereby each Parish is asked to contribute according to an estimate of its ability and willingness. For the first time, this Missionary District is asked this year to come into a share of this privilege, and to make a contribution, from the several Parishes and Missions, of $50. This amount, I see by a recent report of the Board, has nearly all been paid. Among the items of appropriation for the work here, the Board grants to the Bishop a discretionary fund of $400 a year. With this fund various needs of the Missions and Schools have been met. Under the Bishop's house at Río Piedras, I have had what I call an Episcopal carpenter shop. A native carpenter there has made, from designs which I gave him the past winter, some fourteen articles of Church furniture, including altars, lecterns, Prayer desks, etc. The cost has been about seventy dollars, and the value as indicated by catalogue and freight charges something like $200, effecting thus a saving to

the Missions and the Bishop's discretionary fund of a considerable sum.

In view of the fact that the Board of Missions is facing a deficiency in its revenues amounting to about $125,000, as well as the fact that those revenues are raised by contributions of Parishes which have their own maintenance to provide for, and in view of the further fact that some of the larger Parishes of the Church do not contribute in proportion to their wealth, the bulk of the revenue being received from Parishes of moderate means, it is incumbent on us who enjoy the benefits of their sacrifice, to work along toward a measure of self-support as rapidly as circumstances will allow. I am happy to believe that this is being done in some of the Missions and Parishes; notably this one, in San Juan; and I would not be thought to ignore it in reminding you that the sooner we cease to be recipients of the bounty of the Church, the sooner will other parts of the field be reached that are quite as needy as we, and that the road that leads to self-support is the road to self-respect.

You will be asked to appoint a Committee, among others, to establish and increase an Endowment Fund for the support of a Bishop. At present your Bishop receives none of his support from Puerto Rico, except as your apportionment, which is $50 this year, enters into the annual expenditures of the Board of Missions, and, in some small fragment, returns to you as a portion of the Board's annual expenditure of a little over a million dollars for the cause of Missions in all the world. I venture to hope that this Committee will confer with the Treasurer of the Board of Missions and obtain valuable advice as to the best way of helping in the support of the Episcopate in Puerto Rico.

I have during the year visited each of the Parishes and Missions above enumerated, as well as the schools; in some I have made more than one visitation, as will be seen from a perusal of the record of Episcopal Acts, which will be appended to this Address, when it is published. At present therefore I will confine myself to the list of Confirmations subsequent to the latest entry in the Journal of last year, which was dated August 31, 1904.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Sept. 18, 1904,	at	Holy Trinity Church, Minneapolis, for the Bishop of Minnesota	1
Jan. 26, 1905,	at	St. Thomas' Mission, Ponce	1
Jan. 29,	"	at St. Mary's Mission, La Carmelita	36
April 2,	"	at St. John's, San Juan	12
April 14.	"	at St. John's, San Juan	1
May 7,	"	On board the U. S. Training Ship "Prairie"	13
		Total,	64

As the various Missionaries and Teachers are to have an opportunity, together with other workers, to tell of the work entrusted to them, at an appointed time to-morrow, I will not take time now to say more than this, that I know their work and wish the other members to know it too. I know their trials and their sacrifices, their courage, and the difficulties under which they are laboring, and I am sure it will give us all new strength and new hope to hear them, to sympathize with them, and to wish them God-speed.

The Canons of the Church make it the duty of the Bishop to record his Episcopal acts, and it is customary to publish such record in connection with his annual Address. For further details of my work, therefore, I will refer you to the Journal, which will be published after the meeting of Convocation.

A resident Bishop having been chosen and consecrated for Cuba, I am relieved of that extremely pleasant addition to my responsibilities, and I ask God to bless the new Bishop of Cuba, and those who labor with him in that most interesting Missionary District.

Turning from this imperfect outline of the past to the prospects of the future, I ask your attention to the following five places, where our Church services will be opened as soon as I can find the men and the means.

(a) On the Military Road, some 7 or 8 miles west of the town of Bayamon, in the barrio of Candelario, where I am offered four acres of land, on condition that I build a church there within one year. I have visited the district and arranged to hold a Mission Service there next Sunday, and shall probably accept the offer.

(b) At Pueblo Viejo, a similar offer has been made and will probably be accepted. I am hoping to go there for a similar service on the following Sunday; that is, May 21. This might be connected with Candelario as one mission.

(c) At Aguas Buenas, an offer of land has been made, with the promise of $50 toward the erection of a church. I hope to be able to accept this also.

(d) At Semil, an hacienda not far from the town of Juan Diaz, an urgent request for the ministrations of the Church has come, and I am hoping to supply the need by making that point a mission in connection with the Mission at Aguirre, as soon as I can secure a clergyman for the work at the latter point.

(e) At Hormigueros, Mr. Bland thinks of establishing the Church as soon as his work at Mayagüez will allow.

Besides these points of growth in the numbers of our Missions, I am negotiating for the enlargement of the church at Vieques to double its present capacity. This work I expect will be done at once. Under Mr. Bean, the Minister in Charge for the past 26 years, much faithful service has been rendered at Vieques, which it is a pleasure to recognize. But Mr. Bean having entirely lost the use of his eyes, I have obtained for him a pension which will enable him to retire, the Rev. Mr. Leonard Read taking up the work at that point as soon as I can ordain him to the Priesthood, he having been ordained Deacon by me on the 2d of last February, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ponce.

At La Carmelita, steps have been taken, and land secured on a 99 years' lease, for the erection of a suitable church, and the laying out of a burial ground, it being necessary now to carry the dead from that place to Ponce, a distance of some 15 miles, mostly by mountain trail where no wheeled vehicle can pass. I have made an appropriation of $100 toward this church building, and am expecting to help along the work as fast as means at my disposal will permit, until the whole is completed. Thanks are due to Mr. Van Leenhof and to the Company of La Carmelita, and are gratefully rendered.

On the lot recently acquired by purchase, in Ponce, I am expecting, with the coöperation of the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, to begin the erection of a suitable School building and Teacher's house, as soon as plans can be perfected. The

Church building there is sadly out of repair, and I am hoping soon to get the funds necessary for the erection of a new one.

But the work which seems most conspicuous in its need is the Church Hospital. In the outskirts of the city of Ponce, we have bought four cuerdas of land, high and well adapted for the purpose, where it is contemplated to erect the Memorial Hospital of St. Luke, the Beloved Physician, in memory of Dr. Charles Henry Thomas. Thomas was my room-mate at Yale College, many years ago, and in my senior year, when I fell sick with typhoid fever, he put aside all other duties, and gave himself to the care and nursing of his sick friend and class-mate. It is due to his care and attention, together with the ministrations of other well-remembered friends, that I regained my health, under the providence of Almighty God, and it is only right that I should do what I may be able to perpetuate his memory, by continuing the work of healing the sick, to which he gave the best years of his noble, self-sacrificing life. Of the need of good hospitals in that part of Puerto Rico I need not speak at length. It is planned to make this a hospital of up-to-date features, whose benefits shall be bestowed on those who need them, regardless of race, creed, political or any other discrimination. The plan involves probably some years of work and the raising of one hundred thousand dollars, of which half is for the buildings and equipment, and the other half for an endowment, the income to be expended in maintenance of the hospital. It is expected that the revenue arising from the fees paid by such as are able to pay, will be sufficient to meet the balance of the expenses. A Committee has been formed, consisting of the Bishop, the Rector of Holy Trinity Church, the Physician (Dr. Carl Vogel), and the two Wardens of the said Parish, who are to serve as the local board of Trustees. The title to the land is already vested in the Board of Missions.

Among the things that will occupy your attention is what is known as the Thank Offering of the Men of the Church for the 300 years of Church Life in this western hemisphere. This offering will be made at the next General Convocation, which is to be held at Richmond, Va., in October, 1907. The Women of the Church made their triennial offering for Missions last October, and it reached the sum of $150,000. They are in the habit of making such offerings every three years, although

this is the largest amount they have ever given. It is devote to the training and support of women workers in the Missio field. The Children of the Church make an offering of mor than $100,000 each Lent. Last year their Lenten offering, fo general missionary work, amounted to $117,000. The return for this year are not all in.

Now, granting that what the women and children give i supplied by the men, (which is not true entirely, but ha some truth in it,) the time seems to have come for the men o the Church also to be up and doing something on their ow part and of their own free-will. It is hoped that the offerin at Richmond will reach the sum of $500,000; and there i nothing startling in that idea, when once it is remembere how abundantly money is spent by the sons of the Church fo business enterprises or for pleasure. And in case such a hop should be realized, perhaps it may be made possible for th Treasury of the Board of Missions to so supply the needs o the various parts of the Mission field, that the Missionar Bishops will not be obliged to leave their proper duty an become financial agents for the solicitation of the funds where with to meet the requirements of the advancing frontier lin of the Kingdom of God.

Under the provisions of the General Canons of the Church, selected, when I became bishop, the Constitution and Canon of the Diocese of West Virginia to be and continue our law as far as applicable, until the House of Bishops otherwise order A new draft of a Constitution and Canons has now been pre pared by me, which you will be asked to consider, amend an adopt, subject to the approval of the House of Bishops whic meets in New York, June 8. I will not at present occupy you attention with any discussion of these proposed enactments excepting to say that since they will provide for the appoint ment or election of various customary officers and committees I trust that those who find themselves thus called to new ser vice will feel that the call is not of men but of God, and tha each will honor his office by an earnest and faithful discharg of its responsibilities. The Church in Puerto Rico has enjoye the coöperation, as I have said, of many fellow-workers whereby it has advanced, not rapidly perhaps but surely an safely. In extending that coöperation we shall multiply ou

strength. This is not a mere "clergyman's church." It requires the service of every member. There is no obligation resting on a minister to be at his post in the chancel which does not require the presence of every man, woman and child in the pew, on the committee, in the guild, at the auxiliary, or wherever the duty may be.

To the end that you may be intelligent workers in the Master's Vineyard, I do earnestly and affectionately recommend that every family subscribe for and read some Church paper. *The Spirit of Missions,* at $1 a year, is within the reach of all. The *Churchman, Church Standard, Living Church, Southern Churchman,*—some one of these excellent publications should be in every house, if you are to know anything whatever of the progress and affairs of the Kingdom of God. I have been pained to find how many of our Church people neglect this means of informing themselves in regard to the subject of deepest importance. In a Baptist, Methodist or Presbyterian family, a denominational paper seems to be regarded as a necessity, and the necessity is recognized and met; but in many of our Church families it is not so. It seems to be assumed that accurate Church information may be evolved from the inner consciousness or absorbed from the secular newspaper. This is an egregious mistake, resulting in a startling amount of misinformation or absolute ignorance touching things of most vital interest and importance, on the part of people otherwise well informed.

The time has come when it is a disgrace to a Churchman to know about the Japanese generals and not even to know the name of the American Bishop in Japan; to know about the wheat product of Dakota and be ignorant of Bishops Hare and Mann; to be posted concerning the gold mines of Alaska and devoid of information touching the heroism of Bishop Rowe; to know of the acts of Congress and not to know of the Chicago-Lambeth Declaration of the Principles of Christian Unity. Inform yourselves, be zealous with a zeal that is "according to knowledge." Thus will your service reduplicate its efficiency and your fighting be not as the fighting of "one that beateth the air."

Should this lead to a deeper study of the Church's history, her doctrines, discipline and worship, so much the better.

Should it lead to the discovery that theology is not a dead subject, and worship no lost art, should it reveal the fact that religious thought is keeping pace with the advancing progress of science, that also would contribute to the sum total of your happiness, since it might make you aware that the limited apprehension of divine truth which belonged to a former and more limited age has been outgrown, and that there is a larger grasp of the beauty and truth and power of the ancient gospel in the minds of thinking and reading Christians to-day than ever existed before. The truth has not changed in religion any more than in science. But men have climbed to higher altitudes, and their vision is wider and clearer thereby. Narrow and bigoted misconceptions have been largely abandoned. We live in a time of freer ventilation. It is the duty of a well-informed Christian to know and rejoice in this.

As you take up the discussions of this Convocation, and address yourselves to its varied work, may the counsels of fraternity, wisdom and love prevail. And may God's Holy Spirit be with us now and always.

JAMES H. VAN BUREN.

San Juan, P. R.,
May 9, 1905.

APPENDIX II.

EPISCOPAL ACTS, from Sept. 1, 1904.

Sept. 4, 14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Celebrated Holy Communion and preached at All Saints' Church, Great Neck, L. I. Evg., Officiated same.

" 11, 15TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at St. John's Church, Washington, D. C. Aft., Preached at open air service, Cathedral Grounds.

" 12, Mon., P. M. Marriage, St. John's Church, Washington, D. C.

" 18, 16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Minneapolis, Minn. Preached and made addresses five times in various parishes.

" 18, Evg., Confirmed one person for Bishop Edsall, at Holy Trinity Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

" 19, Mon., Evg., Preached at All Saints' Church, Northfield, Minn.

" 20, Tues., A. M., Addressed the Seabury Divinity School, at Faribault, Minn. Evg., Addressed the Church Club at Minneapolis, Minn.

" 21, Wed., A. M., Addressed the Diocesan Branch Woman's Auxiliary, at Gethsemane Church, Minneapolis. Evg., Address at Ascension Church, Stillwater, Minn.

" 22, Thurs., A. M., Addressed the Sunday School Institute at the Pro-Cathedral, Minneapolis. Evg., Address, at St. Paul's Church, Winona, Minn.

" 23, Fri., A. M., Addressed the High School at Winona, Minn. Evg., Address at Christ Church, Red Wing, Minn.

" 25, 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at Church of St. John the Ev., St. Paul, Minn. Evg., Christ Church, same, preached.

" 29, Thurs., Aft., Addressed Woman's Auxiliary at St. James' Church, Downingtown, Pa.

Oct. 2, 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at St. Stephen's Church, Boston, Mass. Evg., St. John's Mission Church, Orient Heights, East Boston, Preached.

" 3, Mon., Aft. Addressed the Clerical Club at Providence, R. I. Evg., Addressed Woman's Auxiliary at St. John's Church, Providence, R. I.

" 5, Wed. Attended opening service of General Convention, at Trinity Church, Boston, Mass.

" 5-24, In daily attendance on Gen. Convention, Boston.

" 9, 19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at All Saints' Church, Brookline, Mass. Evg., Preached at St. James' Church, West Somerville, Mass.

Oct. 13, Thurs., Aft., Address before the Board of Missions, Boston.
" 15, Sat., Aft., Addressed the Twentieth Century Club, Boston.
" 16, 20TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at Grace Church, New Bedford, Mass. Aft., Preached at Ascension Ch., Fall River, Mass.
" 23, 21ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at St. Mary's Church, Dorchester, Mass. Evg., Preached at St. Thomas' Church, East Somerville, Mass.
" 28, Fri., Aft., Addressed Woman's Auxiliary, at Church of Our Saviour, Chicago, Ill.
" 30, 22D SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at Christ Church Cathedral, St. Louis, Mo., Addressed the Sunday School. Evg., Preached at St. James' Church, same.
" 31, Mon., A. M., Addressed the Clericus, at St. Louis. Evg., Addressed the Church Club, same.
Nov. 1, Tues., All Saints' Day, Assisted at Celebration, All Saints' Cathedral, St. Louis.
" 2, Wed., A. M., Addressed the Woman's Auxiliary of Missouri, at Cathedral. Evg., Addressed Choir Reunion, Cathedral, St. Louis.
" 6, 23D SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., and P. M., Preached at Christ Church, Corning, N. Y.
" 8, Tues., Evg., Addressed Woman's Auxiliary of Central Penn., at St. John's Church, York, Pa.
" 9, Wed., Evg., Addressed same, at same place.
" 10, Thurs., Attended Meeting Board of Missions, New York, N. Y.
" 13, 24TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. A. M., Preached at Church of the Advent, Boston, Mass. Evg., Officiated and preached at St. Stephen's Church, Lynn, Mass.
" 14, Mon., A. M. Assisted in the Consecration of Rev. F. L. Roots, as Missionary Bishop of Hankow, at Emmanuel Church, Boston, Mass.
" 20, 25TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY. Informal Service and preached on Steamer "Coamo."
" 24, THANKSGIVING DAY. A. M., Preached at Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, P. R.
" 26, Sat. Received, by Letter Dimissory, Rev. Walter Mitchell, from Diocese of Missouri.
" 27, 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT. A. M. and P. M., Prayers in the Oratory.
" 27, " " " Set forth a Prayer for Peace in the Orient.
" 29, Tues., Celebrated and Preached, A. M. and P. M., Holy Trinity Church, Ponce. Evg., Attended a Vestry meeting, same. Baptized a Child, same Church.
Dec. 4, 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT. A. M., Prayers in the Oratory. P. M., Spanish Sunday School, St. John the Bapt., San Juan.
" 11, 3D SUNDAY IN ADVENT. A. M., Officiated and preached at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra. Aft., Spanish SS. San Juan.

Dec. 18, 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT. A. M., Preached at San Juan, Church of St. John the Bapt. Aft., Spanish SS. same. Evg., Preached at the Methodist Mission, San Juan.
" 25, CHRISTMAS DAY. Prayers at the Oratory.
" 29, Thurs. Corporate Communion of Missionaries, at the Oratory. 1905.
Jan. 1, THE CIRCUMCISION. Prayers at the Oratory.
" 3, Wed. Evg., Preached at All Saints' Church, Vieques.
" 4, Thurs., Vieques. Arranged question of Property.
" 8, 1ST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. Prayers at the Oratory.
" 10, San Juan, Benediction at Opening of Legislative Assembly.
" 15, 2D SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. A. M., Prayers at the Oratory. Aft., Spanish SS., San Juan.
" 22, 3D SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. Preached Holy Trinity Church, Ponce.
" 24, Tues., A. M., and P. M., Examination for Deacon's Orders.
" 25, Wed., Conversion of St. Paul. A. M., Celebration, Ponce, Holy Trinity Church. Examination. Evg., Preached at San Pedro, the Playa, Ponce.
" 26, Thurs., Evg., Address and Confirmation in Spanish, at San Tomás Mission, Ponce.
" 29, 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. A. M., Celebrated, Baptized 22, Married eleven couples, Confirmed 36. Aft., Preached, La Carmelita, St. Mary's Spanish Mission.
" 31, Tues., Evg., Prayers and Address at Organization Woman's Auxiliary, Ponce.
Feb. 1, Wed., Memorial Celebration Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, In memoriam, Mrs. Fernando Toro.
" 2, FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION. A. M., Ordained to the Diaconate, Mr. Leonard Read, at Holy Trinity Church, Ponce. Preached.
" 3, Fri., A. M., Holy Communion, and Sermon, Aguirre.
" 5, 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. On the sea, en route for San Juan.
" 12, 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. P. M. Spanish SS. San Juan.
" 19, SEPTUAGESIMA. A. M., Celebration in Spanish, at St. John's Church, San Juan.
" 26, SEXAGESIMA. A. M., Preached at Unveiling of Memorial Window, Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan.
Mar. 5, QUINQUAGESIMA. A. M., Spanish Celebration, Holy Communion at Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan.
" 6, Monday, A. M., Burial Service, at Hato Rey.
" 8, ASH-WEDNESDAY. A. M., Officiated and preached at St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 10, Fri. P. M., Lecture, St. John's Church, San Juan.
" 12, 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT. Missionary Visit in Bayamon District.
" 15, Wed. Evg., Service and Sermon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 17, Fri., P. M., Lecture, St. John's, San Juan.

Mar. 19, 2D SUNDAY IN LENT. A. M., Spanish Celebration of Holy Communion, St. John's, San Juan. P. M., Baptized 2 at Oratory.
" 22, Wed., Evg., Service and Sermon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 24, Fri., P. M., Lecture, St. John's, San Juan.
" 26, 3D SUNDAY IN LENT. Prayers at the Oratory.
" 29, Wed., Evg., Service and Sermon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 31, Fri., P. M., Lecture, St. John's, San Juan.
Apr. 2, 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT. A. M., Spanish Celebration Holy Communion, St. John's, San Juan. Later, Confirmation of 12, and Celebration in English, same. P. M., Baptized 1 at Oratory, Spanish.
" 6, Thurs., Preached, P. M., Holy Trinity, Ponce.
" 7, P. M., Burial Service, Holy Trinity, Ponce.
" 6, 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT. A. M., Preached at St. Andrew's, Mayagüez.
" 12, Wed., P. M., Service and Sermon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 14, Fri., P. M., Lecture, St. John's, San Juan. Confirmed 1.
" 16, PALM SUNDAY. A. M., Spanish Celebration, St. John's, San Juan.
" 19, Wed., P. M., Service and Sermon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 21, GOOD FRIDAY. A. M., Prayers at Oratory. P. M., Service and Sermon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.
" 23, EASTER DAY. A. M., Holy Communion, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra. Later, Celebration, St. John's, San Juan.
" 26, P. M., Marriage at All Saints' Church, Vieques.
". 30, 1ST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. Prayers at Oratory.
May 7, 2D SUNDAY AFTER EASTER. A. M., Spanish Service, St. John's, San Juan. Later, On board U. S. Training Ship, "Prairie", Preached and confirmed 13.

APPENDIX III.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

La Carmelita, Ponce.—ST. MARY THE VIRGIN. Work begun Sept. 14, 1904. Rev. WILLIAM WATSON, Rector. J. VANLEENHOFF, Treasurer.

Statistics.—Baptized persons, 500. Communicants, about 150. Sunday School: Teachers, 3; pupils, uncertain. Parochial school: Teachers, 1; pupils, average 15. Baptisms, 67. Confirmations, 36. Marriages, 11. Average attendance, 100.

Mayagüez.—ST. ANDREW'S MISSION. Work begun March 1st, 1905. Rev. DAVID W. BLAND, Missionary.

Statistics.—Individuals, 20. Baptized persons, 13. Communicants: Admitted, 5; present number, 5. Average attendance, 17. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $7.36. Total contributions, $7.36. Aid received, $148.25 (exclusive of salary).

Ponce.—HOLY TRINITY CHURCH. Report from Sept. 1st, 1904. Rev. WILLIAM WATSON, Rector. FERNANDO TORO and JULIUS UMBACH, Wardens. A. B. MARVIN, Treasurer. W. V. ROBBINS, Clerk.

Statistics.—Individuals, 300. Baptized persons, 300. Communicants: died, 4; removed, 20; present number, 100. Sunday School: Teachers, 4; pupils, 30. Parish school: Teachers, 1; pupils, 40. Baptisms, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Average attendance, 60. Church property, $10,000. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $177.28; Communion alms, $21.16; Missions, $21; furnishing Church, $42; Nashotah House, $30; disabled Clergy, $5; total contributions, $346.44. Aid received, $350 (exclusive of salary).

Missions are carried on also at the Playa (San Pedro Mission), and in the western part of the town (San Tomás Mission). At Aguirre, services have been held, and a Mission School at Esperanza, near La Carmelita.

Puerta de Tierra.—ST. LUKE'S MISSION. From Dec. 11, 1904. Rev WALTER MITCHELL, Minister in Charge; Box 391, San Juan. D. SHERVINGTON, Pres't. Finance Committee. PAUL P. KEEN, Treasurer. NAPOLEON F. JOHN, Clerk.

Statistics.—Individuals, 43. Baptized persons, about 43. Communicants: received, 2; removed, 5; present number, 20. Sunday School: Teachers, 2; pupils, 15. Baptisms, 6. Marriages, 1. Average attendance 14. Church property, about $275. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $16.38; Missions, $15.27; Organ, $35; total contributions, $66.65. Aid received, $50 (six months).

San Juan.—CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. Rev. WALTER MITCHELL, Rector; Box 391, San Juan. J. D. H. LUCE AND HENRY W. DOOLEY, Wardens. ALBERT E. LEE, Treasurer. E. N. CLOPPER, Clerk.

Statistics.—Individuals, 140. Baptized persons, 140. Communicants: received, 2; admitted, 13; died, 1; removed, 2: present number, 105. Sunday School: Teachers, 4; pupils, 27. Baptisms, 4. Confirmations, 13. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1. Average attendance, 44. Church property, $35,000. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $1463.52; Communion alms, $49.34; Missions, $176.03; American Church Building Fund, $18.12; total contributions, $1810.32. Aid received, $800 (toward salary).

Vieques.—ALL SAINTS' CHURCH. Rev. JOSEPH N. BEAN, Rector. CAIN CALLWOOD and ISAIAH JOSEPH, Wardens. L. GUY, Treasurer. JOHN SPROTT, Clerk.

Statistics.—Individuals, 400. Baptized persons, 350. Communicants: admitted, 5; received, 6; died, 6; present number, 99. Sunday School: Teachers, 6; pupils, 150. Baptisms, 4. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6. Average attendance, 75. Church property, $2500. Contributions: Communion alms, $10; Missions, $2.50; disabled Clergy, $0.75; total contributions, $19.25.

NOTE: Since the above Report, Mr. Bean has retired, and Rev. Leonard Read has been appointed Minister in Charge.

SUMMARY.

Parishes and Missions	10
Clergy	6
Communicants	479
Sunday School Teachers	19
" " Pupils	222
Parish School Teachers	4
" " Pupils	150
Baptisms	89
Confirmations	54
Marriages	18
Burials	12
Total of Contributions	$2250.02

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The Rev. Z. VALL SPINOZA, non-parochial.
The Rev. WILLIAM WATSON, Rector Holy Trinity Church, Ponce.

LAY READERS.

Mr. A. E. HORTON, Ponce.
Mr. W. V. ROBBINS, Ponce.
Major LIPPITT, San Juan.
Mr. COURTNEY C. NAIRN, San Juan.
Dr. W. N. BERKELEY, San Juan.

PARISH HELPER.

MISS SARAH R. DAVIDSON, Ponce.

TEACHERS.

Miss FRANCES CUDDY, Principal of Parochial School, Ponce.
Miss MINNIE L. FORDHAM, Principal of Mission School, La Carmelita, Ponce.
Miss ANNA M. REED, Principal of Parochial School, San Juan.
DOLORES QUIÑONES, Assistant, San Juan.

NOTE:—Since this report, Miss Elizabeth Woodruff has been appointed at San Juan, in place of Miss Reed, who has resigned. Also Miss Pauline Weidensee, Deaconess, has become the Parish Helper there.

APPENDIX IV.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CONVOCATION OF PUERTO RICO.

Order of Business First Day of the Convocation.

1 At 8.30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.

2 At the conclusion of the Holy Communion, the Bishop shall take the Chair and call the Convocation to order.

3 Election of a Secretary by ballot.

4 Roll call by the Secretary, the List to be provided by the Bishop.

5 Appointment by the Bishop of a Committee on Qualifications, to whom shall be referred any questions touching membership. Undisputed names and credentials to be acted on at once without debate. Questions raised or referred to the Convocation by the Committee on Qualifications to be laid aside temporarily.

6 A constitutional quorum being present, in both Orders, the President shall declare the Convocation organized for business.

7 The President shall announce the appointment of the following:

(a) The Chancellor.

(b) A Committee on the Admission of new Parishes and Missions, to consist of one clergyman and one layman.

(c) The Committee on Finance, to consist of the Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.

(d) A Committee on Unfinished Business.

(e) A Committee on Nominations.

(f) The Standing Committee.

(g) The Auditing Committee of three.

8 The receiving and referring of papers relating to the admission of new Parishes and Missions.

9 Report of Committee on Qualifications temporarily laid aside. Action to be taken immediately after discussion.

10 Presentation of any subject that is to be referred without debate, to special committees for their subsequent report.

11 At 2.30 p. m., the Elections of Officers and Committees, the Committee on Nominations having their report ready to offer, and the election to follow immediately; other nominations being always in order. The President shall announce what elections are to follow, viz.—

(a) Treasurer.

(b) Registrar.

(c) Delegates to the General Convention (in convention years).

(d) Committee on Constitutions and Canons (see Canon 13) to consist of two clergymen and one layman.

(e) Committee of three members, on the creation and increase of the fund for support of a bishop.

(f) Other elections, if there are any.

12 At three o'clock the Bishop's Annual Address, unless he shall prefer some other time.
13 Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.
14 Reports and action on them as follows:
(a) By the. Treasurer.
(b) By the Registrar.
(c) By the President of the Standing Committee.
(d) By the Chancellor.
(e) By the Committee on Episcopal Support.
(f) By the Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.
(g) By any other Officer or Committee of the Convocation.
(h) By any Special Committee appointed at the preceding Convocation.
15 Miscellaneous business.
16 Adjournment to the second day.

Order of Business Second Day of the Convocation.

17 Morning Prayer at 8.30 a. m., by appointment of the Bishop.
18 Reading of the Minutes of the preceding day, and action on them.
19 The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjournment the day before, if any.
20 Reports from the several Missionaries, the Teachers, and other workers in the several parts of the District; each to occupy not more than ten minutes, unless by vote of the Convocation extending the time. These reports may be verbal or written, and shall be called for by the President of the Convocation.
21 Reports of any special committees on matters referred to them during the session.
22 At 2.30 p. m., Miscellaneous business.
23 Reading of the Minutes, action on them, and after Prayers and Benediction, by the President, adjournment without day; unless another day is necessary for finishing the business. In that case the above shall be the order.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. The usual courtesies of parliamentary observance shall govern at all times.

II. No person shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convocation nor more than once until others desiring to speak shall have spoken, but the mover of a resolution shall have the privilege of closing the debate.

III. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specified in the motion calling for appointment of the committee.

IV. No motion shall be entertained unless and until reduced to writing, and seconded by another than the mover, and handed to the Secretary, with the mover's name appended.

V. When a question is before the Convocation, it shall be in order

(a) To lay on the table.
(b) To postpone to a fixed time.
(c) To postpone indefinitely.
(d) To limit debate by taking a vote at a fixed time, or by a vote determining the time allowed for each speaker.
(e) To commit.
(f) To amend.

Motions for any of these proceedings shall be in the order of precedence as named, and a question on any of these shall be decided before the original motion, which shall then be put, as altered or not.

VI. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are proposed. A motion amending an amendment may be entertained, but no second amendment to an amendment can be entertained. A substitute for the whole may be received and acted upon, provided the substitute be on the same subject.

VII. A motion to lay on the table is to be taken at once without debate.

VIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

IX. The president shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convocation, in which case a majority or a tie shall sustain the president's decision.

X. With the consent of the Convocation, the mover may at any time withdraw a motion which has not been put on its passage, in which case it shall not appear upon the Minutes.

XI. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

XII. A motion to reconsider may be made by one who has voted in the majority on its passage, but such motion can be carried only by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

XIII. At the request of the president, or on motion, the Convocation may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

XIV. In a vote by Orders, if the delegates from a parish or mission are equally divided, the vote shall be cast, and marked "divided." And such vote shall not be considered as affecting the decision of the question one way nor the other.

XV. A constitutional quorum consists of one-third of each Order, or representatives from a majority of the parishes and organized missions of the Convocation. Such quorum is necessary for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

XVI. All elections shall be by ballot.

XVII. For the suspension of the Rules of Order, or for the change of the Order of Business, the consent of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting shall be necessary.

SUPPLEMENT.

Schedule for the Disbursement of the Appropriation to the

PORTO RICAN MISSION

for the fiscal year beginning September 1st, 1905,
and ending August 31st, 1906,
Made by the Board of Missions at its Meeting of May 9th, 1905.

Item		Annual Rate in U. S. Gold Dollars.
1	The Bishop's Salary	$3,000
2	" " Official travelling expenses within the Missionary District up to	300
3	The Bishop's Discretionary Fund	400
4	The Rev. David W. Bland, Mayagüez	1,200
5	The Rev. David W. Bland, House Rent and the running expenses of the Mission, Mayagüez, at the discretion of the Bishop	520
6	The Rev. Walter Mitchell, San Juan	800[1]
7	The Rev. Wm. Watson, Ponce	1,200
8	The Rev. Leonard Read, Vieques	600
9	The Rev. J. N. Bean, Vieques (half pension)	150
10	Miss Frances Cuddy, Ponce	800
11	Miss Minnie L. Fordham, La Carmelita, Ponce	600
12	Miss Anna M. Reed[2] San Juan	800
13	Miss Sarah R. Davidson[2] Parish Worker, Ponce	300
14	Dolores Quiñones, Native Assistant, San Juan	180
15	School Expenses at San Juan (10 months at $15)	150
16	School Expenses, Ponce, (10 months at $25)	250
17	School Expenses at La Carmelita (10 months at $15)	150
18	For Rent of Church building, Puerta de Tierra	100
		$11,500

E. & O. E.
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue,
New York, May 10th, 1905.

A true copy,

Attest:

JOSHUA KIMBER,
Associate Secretary.

[1] The congregation of the Church of St. John the Baptist at San Juan is to pay $800 in addition to above stipend.

[2] Appointed under the Woman's Auxiliary United Offering of 1904.

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PONCE, PUERTO RICO

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH AND 9TH

A. D. 1906.

Notice of the Meeting of Convocation.

Ponce, P. R., April 17, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that the Second Annual Meeting of the Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico will be held in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ponce, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, 1906.

The Convocation will begin with the corporate celebration of the Holy Communion at 8.30 a. m., to be followed by the business of the Convocation as set forth in the Order of Business adopted at the meeting of 1905. (See Journal, 1905, p. 34.)

It is expected that each parish and mission will be represented by the clergyman in charge and by two lay delegates, elected by the parish or mission, or else appointed by the clergyman.

All officers of the District are entitled to seats and votes, ex officio. Written or verbal reports are expected from them, and from all teachers and other workers.

The offerings at all services of the Convocation are devoted to the work of the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society.

Hospitality will be provided. Please notify the Rector, Rev. Harvey P. Walter, of your intention to be present, at earliest convenience.

Faithfully yours,

Jas. H. Van Buren,

Bishop of Puerto Rico.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
PONCE, PUERTO RICO.
TUESDAY, MAY 8th, 1906, 8.30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop assisted by the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, the present Rector of the Parish, and the Rev. William Watson, the preceding Rector. The Rev. Walter Mitchell preached the sermon, taking for his text the concluding verses of the Gospel of St. Matthew. The offertory was appropriated for the work of the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society, outside of Puerto Rico.

9.45 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Bishop took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The election of a Secretary being in order, the name of Mr. George L. Nelson was proposed, and it was, upon motion of the Rev. Harvey P. Walter,

Resolved, That the nominations be closed, and that the President be requested to cast one ballot for Mr. George L. Nelson for Secretary of this Convocation.

The President reported that he had done so.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Convocation from the list provided by the Bishop as follows, (the names of those not present are printed in italics):—

LIST OF CLERGY CANONICALLY RESIDENT.

The Right Reverend JAMES HEARTT VAN BUREN, D.D., Bishop.
The Rev. *Joseph N. Benn*
The Rev. *David W. Bland*
The Rev. Walter Mitchell
The Rev. Leonard Read
The Rev. Harvey P. Walter
The Rev. William Watson

Total number of clergymen. 7. Present 5; absent 2.

Place.	*Parish or Mission.*	*Lay Delegates.*
Mayagüez.	San Andrés,	*José Román.*
		G. Monefeldt.
Ponce.	Holy Trinity.	W. V. *Robbins.*
		George L. Nelson.
Puerta de Tierra.	St. Luke's,	*Napoleon F. John.*
		Richard Harper.
San Juan.	St. John the Baptist,	T. G. I. Waymouth.
		Henry W. Dooley.
Vieques.	All Saints',	*Cain Callwood.*
		John Sprott.

Total number of Parishes and Missions, 5, represented by 10 delegates. Present 3; absent 7.

There being no quorum present, it was, upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell.

Resolved. That the Convocation adjourn until 10:30 o'clock, A. M.

Upon reassembling at 10.30 o'clock, the President appointed as a

Committee on Qualifications.

The Rev. Leonard Read. Mr. Richard Harper.

A quorum being present, the President declared the Convocation organized for business, and announced the following appointments:—

Chancellor.

Hon. James H. McLeary.

Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.

The Rev. David W. Bland. Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

Committee on Unfinished Business.

Mr. W. V. Robbins. Mr. George L. Nelson.

Committee on Nominations.

The Rev. Harvey P. Walter. Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.
Mr. W. V. Robbins.

The Standing Committee.

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL, MR. GEORGE L. NELSON.
The Rev. HARVEY P. WALTER, MR. W. V. ROBBINS.
MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH.

Auditing Commitee.

MR. J. D. H. LUCE, MR. ALBERT E. LEE,
REV. WALTER MITCHELL.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to investigate the question of a Spanish Hymnal and a uniform translation of the Scriptures.

The President appointed as such Committee,

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL, The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND,
The Rev. LEONARD READ.

The Bishop stated that there are two versions of the Bible in common use in Spanish countries, one the version of Cypriano de Valera, and the other the Versio Moderna. Of these the former is considered superior, although it is claimed that the latter is a more accurate traslation, its fault being that the language is less dignified.

He also stated that it was unfortunate that we have a book of the chants and canticles which does not conform to the present version of the Prayer Book nor to the former one, these two also being unlike one another. He had prepared a Hymnal of two hundred hymns, his wife having helped in the work, but he had been unable to have it printed, on account of the expense involved.

As the Committee on Nominations had had no time to make up their report, upon motion of the Secretary, it was

Resolved, That the Convocation suspend the regular order of business and take up Miscellaneous Business.

The Secretary then stated that he had received a circular letter from the Rt. Rev. Davis Sessums, Bishop of Louisiana, Chairman of a Sub-Committee of the General Convention, appointed in reference to a Memorial upon

the "Canon on Special Missionary Bishops", which he expected to present to the Convocation the following day.

On motion of the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop appoint Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth Chairman of the Committee on the Men's United Thank Offering.

The Rev. Harvey P. Walter stated that the ladies of the parish wished to entertain the members of the Convocation in the new panish building and school rooms which have lately been added to the rectory.

The Bishop gave notice that he intended to hold a short service of dedication in the new parish rooms at 5 o'clock P. M., and also said that arrangements had been made to have a group picture taken at noon, of the members of the Convocation and church workers present.

Upon motion, it was

Resolved, That the Convocation adjourn till 2.30 o'clock P. M.

2·30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Bishop called the Convocation to order and announced the list of officers and committees to be elected.

The Committee on Nominations reported as fallows:

For Treasurer,

MR. H. M. PRUDEN.

For Registrar.

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL.

For Committee on Constitution and Canons,

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL. The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND.

For Committee on Episcopal Support.

HON. LAURENCE GRAHAME. MR. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

Rev. LEONARD READ.

There being no other nominations, upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cast one ballot in favor of the nominees of the Comittee on Nominations.

The Secretary accordingly cast one ballot as instructed and announced that the gentlemen who had been nominated had been elected.

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell it was

Resolved, That the regular order of business be suspended and that the Reports of Officers and Committees be now taken up.

The President thereupon called for reports which were made as follows.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Gentlemen. I have the honor of submitting the following account of the amounts which have been expended during the past year, shewing a balance of 93 cents unappropriated.

I estimate that a similar amount will be required for the present Convocation and recommend that provision be made for the same.

Yours Respectfully.

T. G. I. WAYMOUTH,
Treasurer.

ACCOUNT OF EXPENDITURE.

May 9, 1905.—To Alms from Communion Service during Convocation	$ 7.70
Id 18, & Dec 12.—To Amt. supplied by the Bishop from Church Funds for Mimeograph work and printing	85.43
Apl 21, 1906.—To Alms received from St. Luke's Church at Pta. de Tierra	93
	$ 94.06
May 16, 1905.—By remitted to Treasurer of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society of the P. E. Church in the U. S. of America, to be applied to General Missions	$ 7.70
Id 18.—By paid Miss Wilhelmina L. Test, for Mimeograph work and paper for Convocation	6.75
Dec 18.—By Cost of printing the Convocation Journal and Mailing Same as follows,	
Newspaper Wrappers for 191 copies	4.10
300 copies of the Journal	69.50
4 hours alteration in proofs	2.80
Postage on 2 Bundles to Miss. House	28
Wrapping 209 copies for Mail	1.05.
Addressing 191 Wrappers	95
By Balance	93
	$94.06

To Balance $ 0.93.

San Juan, P. R. May 5th 1906.

T. G. I. WAYMOUTH.
TREASURER.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT.

To the Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

I have received Journals from about one half of the Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions, and have written to the Registrars of all those whose Journals have not been received. I have also received copies of the catalogues of some of the Church schools and colleges. All these have been placed on file.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER MITCHELL, Registrar.

May 8, 1906.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

San Juan, Porto Rico, 5th May, 1906.

Rt. Rev. James H. Van Buren, D.D.

Bishop of Porto Rico,

Ponce, P. R.

Rt. Rev. Sir.--

I have received notificatjon to attend the Convocation on the 8th day of the present month, to be held in the City of Ponce, and very much regret to say that on account of my judicial duties it is impossible to conform to said notice.

My duties as your Chancellor have scarcely been of sufficient importance to demand a report at my hands, but I take pleasure in saying that light as they have been, they were pleasant, and very cheerfully performed. I have been called upon in several instances to give legal advice, verbal and written, in regard to matters concerning the Churches and the Diocese, and have performed that duty to the best of my ability. It is a pleasure to render any service to the Church or the Diocese in Porto Rico, and I hope you will always find me ready to comply with such demands as you may choose to make upon me.

I am, Rt Rev. Sir,

Very respectfully your obedient servant,

J. H. MCLEARY.

Chancellor.

The Committee on Episcopal Support.

NO REPORT.

The Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.

NO REPORT.

The Bishop stated that the report of the Committee on Finance was included in the Treasurer's Report.

Report of Committee on Subscriptions to The Spirit of Missions.

(Appointed at previous Convocation.)

To the Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico:

Your Committee reports that it felt that interest in the magazine could be best aroused through the Woman's Auxiliary, and to that end, at the recent annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, one agent was elected in each branch to solicit subscriptions, and others will be appointed in those places where the Woman's Auxiliary has no branch.

Respecfully submitted.

WALTER MITCHELL, Chairman.

Report of the work at Mayagüez.

(See Appendix III)

Report of the work at Vieques.

(See Appendix III)

Report of Deaconess Weidensee, San Juan.

(See Appendix III)

Report of Miss Davidson, Ponce.

(See Appendix III)

Report of Parish School, San Juan.

(See Appendix III)

Report of Parish School, Ponce.

(See Appendix III)

At 3.15 o'clock, P. M. the Bishop delivered his Annual Address.

(See Appendix I)

Upon motion of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, it was

Resolved, That that part of the Bishop's Address relative to the apportionment of the Board of Missions be referred to a Commitee appointed by the Chair, for special consideration.

The President appointed as such

Committee on the Apportionment.

The Rev. WALTER MITCHELL, The Rev. HARVEY P. WALTER.
The Rev. LEONARD READ, The Rev. DAVID W. BLAND.

In the absence of the President of the Standing Committee, the Secretary of the same, at the Bishop's request, read the

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

To the Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico:

The Standing Committee has met twice during the past year. At the first meeting which was held in San Juan, May 9th 1905, the Committee organized with the Rev. William Watson as President and Mr. George L. Nelson as Secretary.

The advisability of shortening the canonical time of the Rev. Leonard Read's Diaconate, in view of the needs of the Church at Vieques, was discussed. It was decided that it would not be advisable.

The second meeting was held in Ponce, on Feb. 14th 1906, at which the Rev. Leonard Read was recommended to the Bishop to be admitted to the Sacred Order of Priests.

For the Standing Committee,
GEORGE L. NELSON, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PUERTO RICAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

To the Convocation:

On the 25th of February of this year (1906) the Bishop asked me to act as Mrs. Van Buren's deputy as Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary in Puerto Rico, during her illness and consequent absence from the Island.

Since that time very little has been done. I have received the semi-annual contribution of the mite-boxes for the Triennial Offering from the three Branches, amounting to $28.10, which I have forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, the receipt for which has been received and placed on file. I have also received $2.75 annual dues paid by the Branch of St. John the Baptist, San

Juan, to the Secretary of the Missionary Jurisdiction, which will be applied to the amount Puerto Rico is asked to give this year toward the annual contribution of $100,000 for the general work of the Board of Missions. Last year this Missionary District gave $15.00 toward this pledge, and this year we are asked to give $25.00. This amount will be sent in before September.

On the first Sunday in August last year a Branch was organized at St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, with fourteen members. And on last Sunday, May the 6th, a Junior Branch to the Woman's Auxiliary was organized at the same place, with 11 members.

We have now two Branches (the Ponce Branch having been reported discontinued) 27 members, 8 parochial and one diocesan officer; and one Junior Branch with 11 members and a Director.

Respectfully submitted,

SUE B. MITCHELL,
Acting Secretary.

Mr. Richard Harper made a verbal report of the work accomplished at St. Luke's Mission at Puerta de Tierra.

The Rev. Walter Mitchell made a verbal report on the work at San Juan.

The Rev Harvey P. Walter said that he had come to Ponce too recently to be able to make a report on the work there.

The Rev. Walter Mitchell, as Chairman, read the following resolution as the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE APPORTIONMENT.

Whereas, For the last two years the apportionment for this District has been $50 per year, and

Whereas, For both years the District has sent to the Board of Missions more than three times that amount, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convocation that the apportionment for the next year should be increased to at least $100: and be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convocation that all Easter offerings taken in the District should be sent to the Board

of Missions, over and above the apportionment, as a special thank offering to Almighty God for His many mercies to the District.

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico.

Your Committee, recognizing the fact that the Sunday School is, or should be, the most important auxiliary of the Church, hopes to be able, if permitted, to recommend later a uniform system of instruction, embodying teaching the Catechism, Prayer Book, History of the Church, and missionary information, all to lead to teaching the Bible.

The Committee desires to elevate the Sunday School to the basis and dignity of the day School, and to enlist the interest of the parents to this end.

The difficulty of arranging the course to meet the needs of the three classes of children.—American, Puerto Rican and colored, under our care is apparent.

For the reasons given verbally the Committee will not be able to make a more detailed report until the next Convocation.

The questions appended hereto, compiled by the Rev. W. E. Cox, chairman of a similar committee of the Diocese of East Carolina, were, with a few changes to meet the local situation, adopted by this Committee.

INFORMATION FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN THE MISSIONARY JURISDICTION OF PUERTO RICO.

To the Sunday School Superintendents:

At the last meeting of our Convocation held in May, 1905, a committee composed of Rev. Walter Mitchell, Rev. Leonard Read, and Mr. H. W. Dooley was appointed to ascertain the state of the Sunday Schools in the Jurisdiction and report the same to our next Convocation to be held in Ponce, May 1906. In pursuance of its duty and

with a view to getting the necessary information, this Committee has arranged a series of questions pertaining to our Sunday Schools as follows; and you are earnestly requested to write under each question the desired information about your Sunday School and return both questions and answers at your earliest convenience to

Rev. WALTER MITCHELL, Chr. Com., San Juan, P. R.

NOTE 1.—If you wish to answer any question more fully than the space under that question will permit, write on separate sheets, numbering each answer same as question.

NOTE 2.—If you have no Sunday School state that fact and give reasons for it; then answer questions 1, 2, 16.

QUESTIONS.

1 Name and place of Parish or Mission?.....
2 How many Church families or families with Church connections in your Parish or Mission?.....
3 Name and address of your Sunday School Supt ?.....
4 What other officers do you have?.....
5 How many teachers? (a) Male.....(b) Female.....
6 Haw many pupils on the roll? (a) Male.....
(b) Female.....
7 What is the average attendance?.....
8 What service do you use for opening and closing?.....
9 Does your Rector attend Sunday School?.....
10 Are Teachers' Meetings held, and what other methods do you have for training and preparing your teachers?.....
11 Do you provide reference books for teachers?.....
12 What methods have you for securing attendance at Sunday School?.....
13 Do you give rewards for attendance?.....
If so, what?.....
14 What proportion of the scholars in the School are above the age of seventeen?.....
15 To what extent do the adult members of the Parish attend SundaySchool?.....
16 What efforts do you make to interest parents in the work of the School, and what response do you find?...

17 What lesson system are you using, and why prefer that system of instruction?.....
18 Do you have an advanced Bible class?.....
19 To what extent and in what way do you t Church Catechism?.....
20 To what extent and in what way do you teac History, and the cardinal principles of Chu trine? .....
21 How is your school graded?..... ..
22 Have you a Sunday School Library?..... many volumes?.....
To what extent is it used?.....
23 Do you take Sunday School papers?..... papers?.....
24 How do you interest your School in Mission
25 Do you have a special Children's Service?.....
26 How is the financial support of your Sunday provided?.....
27 What proportion of your scholars attend t ices of the Church?.....
28 What do you consider the principal diffic your Sunday School work, and in what way think those difficulties can be remedied?.....
29 Have you any suggestion to offer as to the this Committee?.....

Thereupon, on motion of the Rev. Harvey P. W was

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Sunda be accepted and the Committee be continued for anothe

The Rev. Walter Mitchell presented the follo solution:

Whereas, Mrs. Van Buren has been for almost a yea to absent herself from Puerto Rico on account of he therefore be it

Resolved, That a message of cheer be sent to her by t vocation, and that the Bishop be assured of our heart pathy and of our hope that she may soon be restored and to her place in Puerto Rico.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Upon motion of the Rev. Leonard Read, it was

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Rector, Wardens and Vestry, and to the ladies of Holy Trinity Parish for the courtesies and hospitality extended to the Convocation.

Upon motion of the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

Resolved, That after prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourn without day.

Upon motion of the Rev. Leonard Read, it was

Resolved, That the place and time of meeting of the next Convocation be left to the discretion of the Bishop.

The minutes of the Convocation were then read, corrected and approved, and after Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourned without day.

JAMES H. VAN BUREN,
President of the Convocation.
Attest.
GEORGE L. NELSON, Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

Address at the Second Annual Convocation of the District of Puerto Rico, by the Rt. Rev. James H. Van Buren, D. D.

Delivered in Holy Trinity Church, May 8, 1906. Ponce, P. R.

Brethren Beloved in the Lord:—I pray that God's abundant blessings may rest upon you and upon all who love our Lord in sincerity and in truth.

We meet once more in Convocation, to offer the tribute of our thanks to God for what things He has permitted us to be instrumental in accomplishing for Him during the year that is past, to take counsel for further advance, and to encourage one another by fraternal words of cheer.

Several changes have taken place among our number, which should first be mentioned.

The Rev. Z. Vall-Spinoza, who had been for a number of years non-parochial, has died. So quiet and retired was his life that comparatively few people knew that he was a priest of the Church. He is remembered however in Ponce, as having been at one time rector of Holy Trinity Church. He was reported to me last fall, as being ill in St. Luke's Hospital, New York. I visited him there, and he talked of a return to active work after he had made a visit to Spain, his native country. From that visit however he did not return. Our sympathy is extended to his widow and to his children.

This is the only death among our clergy. Of the laity, however, I must make mention of the death of one whose long continued services had been marked by faithful and earnest devotion. As a member of the Vestry of Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, Mr. Lohse was beloved by his associates, as a member of the consular service he was always spoken of in the highest terms, and as a citizen of this his adopted country, he has left a name which stands

for the best in our civic life. To his bereaved family, whose departure for their home-land beyond the sea has left a deep and lasting regret in our hearts, we extend the assurance of our profoundest sympathy, and of our prayers that God Himself may be to them a Father and a never-failing comfort.

To these we add the names of any and all who during the year that is past have been called to mourn, and offer at this time the customary prayers. (Collect for All Saints' and Prayers from the Burial Office.)

Other changes in our ranks we note as follows. The Rev. Wm. Watson, for some three years the beloved rector of Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, has been obliged to give up clerical work, by reason of a throat affection of long standing, and has entered upon secular employment at Central Aguirre, where the qualities which endeared him to his people in Ponce are winning for him new friendships. Our very best wishes attend him. His resignation took effect upon the arrival of his successor in the rectorship, the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, who entered upon his new field in March last past, bringing with him the affectionate regrets of his former parish in Pittston, Pa., and manifesting by his earnest devotion and sound learning his fitness to take up the charge which has been entrusted to him. We extend to him our hearty welcome, and to his family not only a welcome, but all the best wishes of our hearts for a happy and contented life in Puerto Rico.

The Rev. Leonard Read, who been acting, while a Deacon, as Minister in Charge of All Saints' Church, Vieques, was advanced by me to the Sacred Order of Priests, in Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, on Feb. 15, last, the Rev. Wm. Watson and the Rev. F. Caunt, a former rector of the Parish, uniting in the laying-on-of-hands. Mr. Read carries with him to Vieques, the same consecrated spirit and activity of service which had already made him so well-beloved in Ponce. He has won the confidence of his new flock, and they recognize in him a true, earnest and faithful pastor, as was to have been expected by all who knew him.

It is expected that there will be several additions to our ranks in the not distant future, as I have made application to the Board of Missions, for appointments to the charge of St. Mary's, La Carmelita; at Culebra where land is offered for a church, and at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, at which latter place the Rev. Walter Mitchell of San Juan, has been giving freely of his service. The Rev. Charles E. Snavely, of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, has been appointed to the charge of St. Luke's and is to arrange for such occasional services at Candelaria, in the Bayamon District, as the distance will permit, with a view to organizing the work there and securing a church building for the land which has been generously offered. At Puerta de Tierra also it is hoped to secure a building site and erect a church as soon as means will allow.

At Mayagüez, where, for more than a year, the Rev. David W. Bland has been carrying on, with most gratifying success, the only exclusively Spanish work we have in the Island, a parish school has been begun, Srta. Matilde Martinez having been appointed as teacher, who, under the guidance of the rector, is bringing forward the school to such a degree, that it will soon become necessary to institute a higher grade of studies and secure another teacher.

Miss Minnie L. Fordham has been transferred to Ponce from La Carmelita, where she had been doing pioneer work of great value. She is at work in the parish school in Ponce, with Miss Cuddy, where it is expected that the new building will be instrumental in making it possible for the work to grow as it never could, in the limited quarters in which Miss Cuddy has been faithfully at work under great disadvantages.

We are to lose the services of Miss Woodruff, and Miss Weidensee at San Juan; Miss Davidson, of Ponce, is appointed to duty at Vieques. To all of these we offer our thankful recognition of services rendered, and our best wishes for the future, wherever the hand of Providence may lead them.

These are all the changes in our working forces—up to the present time, with the sole exception of the Rev. Mr.

Bean, at Vieques, who, in his retirement, now completed by the appointment of Rev. Mr. Read to the full rectorship, sets us all an example of cheerful patience, in his blindness, and teaches us again to remember, when active service is denied us, that "They also serve who only stand and wait."

And yet it must not be thought that we are unmindful of that long, daily growing longer, list of fellow-labourers, both men and women, who in various capacities, help us in the parish, on the committee, in the Sunday School, choir, and in other organized and individual spheres, wherein Christians may hear and obey the call, "Go work in my vineyard."

The past year has not witnessed many changes in our machinery and appliances, but those which have taken place, are in the way of additions, and they are important. At Mayagüez we have acquired, by renting, a newly fitted and commodious school; at La Carmelita we have a lease pending signature, whereby we secure for ninety-nine years, a large tract of land, admirably situated for future posibilities in the way of mission buildings, a part of the land having already been fenced off and set apart by consecration for the purposes of a burial ground. Steps are also being taken for the transfer to the Board of Missions as trustees, of another generous gift of some four or five acres of land at Candelaria, in the Bayamon district, already mentioned, where it is hoped to place a Church, a school and a rectory some day, within the near future.

The most notable addition to our equipment however, is the new school and parish hall, here in this parish of the Holy Trinity, Ponce. The rectory has been moved back from the street, and raised to a height sufficient to permit these valuable adjuncts to the parochial efficiency to be placed underneath the rectory, which has thus been rendered doubly valuable as a residence. The expense of renting a school building is stopped, and the inconvenience of housing the guild in the rectory is removed. All this has been accomplished at an outlay of a little over $3,500., the contribution of generous friends in the States,

through the Puerto Rico Equipment and Church Extensic Funds.

The local Committee on the Memorial Hospital of S Luke, the Beloved Physician, soon to be erected in t western suburbs of Ponce, has been actively at work a winter, perfecting the design and placing the buildi contract. Plans for the Hospital, submitted from vario sources, have been attentively considered, and those Mr. Manuel V. Domenech, of Ponce, chosen as by far t most artistic and best adapted to carry out the purpo of a thoroughly modern and well-appointed hospital. is proposed to erect as much of this design as the funds hand will allow; and it is believed that, once under wa this institution will be one in which all Churchmen w take satisfaction, and that it will prove at once an orn ment and a blessing to the city and vicinity of Ponce. I benefits will be restricted to no race or creed, but it w be open to the sick who need it, without distinction, ar it will do as much free and charitable work for the healir of the poor, as its means and facilities will permit.

No feature of our work presents greater difficulty tha that of making known our message in the language the people. That we have a message which the people Puerto Rico need to hear is abundantly evident; that the will hear and receive our message, providing we ca overcome the barrier of language is made clear by ou experience at La Carmelita and at Mayagüez. In the places the only apparent limit to the Church's effectiv ness is the limit of human strength, financial resourc and equipment.

In view of the tokens, it becomes more and more urgen ly our duty to acquire facility in the use of the Spani tongue. We should not permit ourselves to be conte with "just enough Spanish to get along with." Familia ity with the Spanish grammar should be followed by co stant practice with the natives in conversation, an a quaintance with the best Spanish writers both classic an contemporary, a correct pronunciation, and indeed habit of literally "thinking in Spanish." This is a wo which will doubtless require years for its perfect accomplis

ment, and it will often find us in a discouraged frame of mind. But when it is remembered how many people of Puerto Rican birth have acquired good English by a few years of residence in the States, it should encourage us to believe that we can acquire equal fluency in the far less difficult language of this Island. Success in this study will lead to such appreciation of our efforts as will find expression in the words of the Pentecostal birthday of the Catholic Church, "We do hear them speak in our own tongue wherein we were born, the wonderful things of God."

But we shall not have to wait for perfect knowledge of the Castilian language, to see the fruits of our ministry, if we will but speak to the hearts of the people by means of kindness and love unfeigned, in the well-understood though unwritten language of the Christian life and conduct and character. This is a light which cannot be hidden even under the strangeness of an alien tongue.

Our Saviour said, concerning the dominant religious system of the time in which His ministry was spent, "I am not come to destroy the works of the law, but to fulfil." In a similar spirit we are here, not to antagonize that imperfect form of catholicity which we find in evidence here, but to fulfil its imperfections, by ministering to all who will reive them, the pure word and sacraments of the gospel. Not to destroy the portion of the truth which the people already possess, but to fulfil that which is lacking. Where the materialistic philosophy of the mediaeval scholastics has combined with the Tridentine decrees to diminish the spiritual significance of creed and sacrament and dogma, it is our privilege, as members of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church; to fulfil and translate into life and language, the manifold grace and wisdom of God. By patient explanation of the name Protestant Episcopal, as our legal designation, and by showing to the intelligent people of this Island, that one must be a protestant against error and oppression, in order to be truly catholic, we not only disarm criticism but justify our claim that we possess all that belongs to every system of Christian fellowship, so far as it is true and right and

that our errors are not inherent in our Church, but in c
own imperfect and limited apprehension of the greatness
the Church which is the one unbroken body of Christ, t
blessed company of all faithful people.

Another feature of our work which presses on the co
science of every right-minded missionary, is the fact th
we are to such an extent dependent for support on t
gifts of our brethren of the Church in the home land. Ent
self-support cannot be expected for a long time to com
but it should be our concern to ask as little outside a
as our circumstances will permit, to practice such econo
as may be consistent with the effective presentation of c
worship and our work, remembering that it was in t
days when the Church was poor, that it was "maki
many rich," and that when it had nothing, it was s
"possessing all things." It should be remembered th
the Board of Missions is not a depository of unlimit
resources, from which people have a right to draw w
are able to meet the expenses attending the ministratic
of the Church. It is simply the organized and authori
agency for applying the offerings of the Church for t
extension of the Kingdom of God in places where th
kingdom is weak or unknown. It should be our privile
therefore to meet our apportionment with a glad and w
ing mind, and even to far exceed what is asked of us, as
have done during the two years when we have been a
portioned a definite sum to contribute.

Circumstances rathr than any determination of our ov
have caused us to adopt the apostolic plan of chu
extension. We have thus been strengthening cent
points, rather than multiplying mission stations. It
well that this should be our policy, in order that when
present the services of the Church for the acceptance
the people, it may be done with strength and with t
dignity that is becoming. But I wish to remind you th
no centre of Church life is strong that is not a radiati
centre of missionary activity, giving off of its own pov
and fullness to all the vicinity. From each of the fo
strong centres of our Church here in Puerto Rico, we shou
reach out to the people who live near enough to be reac

ed, the hand of blessing and the privileges of worship which we prize, and which to so great an extent are being handed on to us from other strong centres in the home land. I recommend, brethren, that you who are in charge of these missions and parishes, try to establish in your neighborhoods, meeting places in private houses or in halls, where you can gather together for simple services of prayer, Bible reading and praise, such of the people as you can reach with your increasing knowledge of the language, and with the Spanish translation of the Prayer Book.

I should not feel that I had done my duty if I gave no expression to the strong convictions which I entertain in regard to a matter now exercising the thought and attention of Church people and others in the home land. The facts are these. The Rev. A. S. Crapsey, D.D., of Rochester, N. Y., having preached and published certain sermons, in which expression was given to opinions touching the nature of our Lord seeming to indicate unsoundness in the faith, a Committee was appointed to investigate and report whether he should be put on trial. They reported that while some of his expressions were open to criticism, the Commitee did not feel that there was ground for presenting him for trial for heresy. A minority of the Committee dissented from this report, and reported that in their opinion grounds existed for a trial. I desire to record my conviction as a Bishop in the Church of God, that, while I have not the slightest sympathy with the supposed erroneous teaching of Dr. Crapsey, so far as I have read his book, yet that I believe those errors are more in the form of expression than in the substance, and that certain other expressions seem to indicate a deep and devout recognition of our Lord's divine nature. But apart from any question as to the merits of the case, I do deplore the decision of the ecclesiastical authorities of the Diocese of Western New York to bring Dr. Crapsey to trial, after his acquittal by the Committee, which trial is going on at the time these words are being written. I cannot but regard this as a misfortune whichever way the trial is decided. A conviction will raise a great many questions

as to the fairness of the court, an acquittal will mak
appear that unsoundness in the faith is of no accou
and will leave the Bishop and Standing Committee of t
diocese in a most awkward position. But more than t
I feel very strongly that trials for heresy are not the v
to defend the faith. There are gentler ways, more Chr
like ways; and when a man solemnly vows at his ordi
tion to minister the faith as this Church hath received
same, recites the Creed of the Church in both its for
and declares that he accepts the faith in all sincerity, i
not wise to bring him to trial. if an occasional uttera
seems to be out of harmony with those statements.
pecially is this true when it can be shown, as in the pres
instance, that the offender, in other passages, has him
contradicted his own errors or supposed errors.

A perfect faith, it seems to me, should include a str
belief in the indestructibility of the truth. We need h
no fear for the faith. Nothing can make it untrue,
weapon that is fashioned against it can prosper. But
calm and patient presentation of the matter it is far m
likely that persuasion will follow than by attempting
punish and drive out of the ministry one who declares t
he holds the faith, however unfortunate some of his mo
of expression may seem.

And not only should we have the most profound re
ence for and confidence in the truth, we should never
get that the Kingdom of God is not to be propagated
sword and fire and fagot, but by the spiritual weap
of a warfare that is not carnal. "In meekness instruc
them that oppose themselves," is always a good rule
follow. For it is as sure as the truth itself, that the o
victories worthy of the Christian are the victories of
pure in heart, of the true and patient disciple of Him w
"when He was threatened, threatened not again, but c
mitted Himself to God, as unto a faithful Creator."
ligious controversies settle no question, and "the serv
of God must not strive, but be gentle, apt to teach."

Appended to this Address, will be given the canon
list of my episcopal acts. I regret that so much of t
journal records my days and nights of pilgrimage in pl

far distant from my rightful post, appealing to the hearts of the friends who have helped me in raising funds necessary for the prosecution of our work, or rather for the tools and appliances wherewith to build up, in this part of the field. the temple of our holy faith. But such absences have been necessary, and they are a part of my duty, the hardest part, I wish it understood, and I shall not shrink from anything that wears the name of duty, be it hard or otherwise while God gives me strength to perform it.

To summarize my official acts, I beg to report that I have

Baptized,	10
Confirmed,	29
Solemnized Marriages,	5
Buried,	4
Ordained Priest,	1

In closing, I desire to offer to the rector of the Church of St. John the Baptist, in San Juan, and to his congregation, my hearty congratulations on the splendid record of the last two years. Not only have they more than met their part of the missionary apportionment, and paid one half of the stipend of the rector, and met all the expenses incidental to the administration of an important parish, but by their efforts they have succeeded in augmenting the organ fund which was begun before the present incumbent came, until it is now complete, and the day is not far distant when a pipe organ will be in place there, lending its rich tones to the better rendering of the services of the Church. Such an example is a pleasant thing for us to consider, and it marks a measure of sacrifice and devotion which deserves our recognition and our praise.

And while thus rejoicing with them that rejoice and weeping with them that weep, may we all be of one heart and one mind, bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ.

EPISCOPAL ACTS.

May 9 and 10, 1905: First Annual Convocation of P. R., Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan.

" 14, 3d Sund. aft. Easter, Service and sermon in Candelaria -

" 16, Tues., met the Finance Committee of Convocation.

" 17, Wed., asked Standing Committee to act as the Ecclesiastical authority during my absence in the States.

" 18, Thurs. Issued Lay Reader's Licenses to Mr. Courtney C. Nairn and Dr. Wm. N. Berkeley, of San Juan.

" 19. Fri., Issued Lay Reader's License, to Mr. W. V. Robbins of Ponce.

" 21, 4th Sund. aft. Easter, Celebrated Holy Communion at opening of new Church room for Mission of San Andrés, Mayagüez.

" 28, 5th aft. Easter, a. m., New Haven, Ct., Address at St. Paul's.

June 4, Sun. aft. Ascension, a. m. Brooklyn, N. Y., St. Luke's, Address. aft., same. addressed Sunday School.

" 6, Tues. evg., Berkeley Divinity School, Middletown, Ct., officiated at Evening Prayer.

" 7, Wed., a. m., Same. Holy Communion and Ordination.

" 8, Thur., a. m., Missions House, N. Y., interviews with architect and Miss Ashby, Deaconess. Aft., Meeting of House of Bishops for election of a Bishop.

" 9, Fri., a. m., Calvary Ch., N. Y. Holy Communion and Election of Rev. F. F. Johnson, Coadjutor Missionary Bishop for S. Dakota. Evg., New Haven, Ct. preached, St. Luke's.

" 11, Whitsun Day, a. m., Brooklyn, N. Y., preached, Ch. of Messiah. aft., St. George's addressed S. S. Evg., same preached.

" 13, Tues., Meeting of Bd. of Missions, New York.

" 14, Wed., evg., Leominster, Mass., addressed Convocation.

" 18, Trinity Sund., a. m., St. Stephen's Lynn, Mass., Holy Communion and sermon. Aft., same, Addressed S. S. Evg., same, preached.

" 25, 1st Sun. aft. Trin., a. m., Boston, Mass., Ch. of the Advent preached. Aft. Lynn, officiated at Burial Service.

" 29, Thurs., gave canonical consent to election of Bishop coadjutor for Southern Virginia.

July 2, 2d Sun. aft. Trin., a. m., St. Paul's Newburyport, Mass., preached and addressed S. S.

" 3, Mon. Newburyport, officiated at Burial Service.

July 5, Wed., New Milford, Ct., Holy Communion and three addresses at Summer School for Mission Study.

" 6, Thurs., New York, Ch. Missions House, Interview with Rev. H. P. Walter. Aft., visited St. Luke's Hospital. Evg., St. George's, Lee, Mass.

" 9, 3d Sun., aft., Trin., a. m., Stockbridge, Mass., preached at St, Paul's.

" 16, 4th Sun. aft. Trin,, a. m,, Yonkers, N. Y., St. Andrew's, preached and confirmed one. Evg., same, St. John's, preached.

" 23, 5th aft. Trin., a. m., Milford, Pa., Good Shepherd, preached.

" 24, Mon. aft., same, address.

" 26, Wed., a. m., Richfield Springs, N. Y., Conference, address:

" 30, 6th aft. Trin., a. m., Little Falls, N. Y., Emmanuel, preached and addressed S. S. Evg., same, address.

Aug. 6, Transfiguration, 7th aft. Trin., a. m., Ogunquit, Me,, St. Peter's, preached and celebrated Holy Communion., Aft. baptized child, made address. Evg., same, address in Baptist Church.

" 13, 8th aft, Trin., Far Rockaway, L. I., a. m., St. John's, preached.

" 20, 9th aft. Trin., Great Neck, L. I., a. m., All Saints', preached.

" 27, 10th aft. Trin., a. m., Newport, R. I., Emmanuel, preached.

Sep. 3, 11th aft. Trin., a. m., Fitchburg, Mass., Christ Ch., preached.

" 10, 12th aft. Trin., a. m., Lenox, Mass., Trinity, preached, celebrated Holy Communion.

" 12, Tues., Evg., Hastings, Minn., St. Luke's, preached.

" 13, Wed., Evg., Willmar, Minn., St. Luke's, preached.

" 14, Thur., Evg., St. Paul, Minn., St. Peter's, preached.

" 15, Fri., Evg., Owatonna, Minn., St. Paul's, preached.

" 16, Sat., a. m., Faribault, Minn., Cathedral, preached, Founder's Day,

" 17, 13th aft. Trinity, a. m., St. Paul, Minn., St. John's, preached and addressed S. S. Aft., same, St. Clement's, preached. Evg., same, Messiah, preached.

" 18, Mon., evg., Minneapolis, Minn., All Saints', address Men's Club.

" 19, Tues., aft., same, Holy Trinity, address Woman's Auxiliary. Evg., St. Paul's, same, address Men's Club.

" 20, Wed., p. m., Winona, Minn., address Normal School. Evg., same, St. Paul's, Address.

" 21, Thur., aft., Wabasha, Minn., Grace, address S. S. Evg., same, preached.

" 22, Fri., evg., Red Wing, Minn., Christ Ch., preached.

" 24, 14th Sun., aft. Trin., a. m., Minneapolis, Minn., St. Paul's,

a. m., preached and addressed S. S. p. m., St. Mark's. same, addressed S. S. Rally, Evg., same, Gethsemane. preached.

Sep. 25, Mon., a. m., Addressed University of Minnesota. Also, a. m., St. Paul, Minn., addressed S. S. Institute, at St. Clement's.

" 27, Wed., a. m., St. Paul, Minn,, Christ Ch., assisted in Holy Communion, and addressed Diocesan Branch Woman's Auxiliary.

Oct. 1, 15th Sun. aft. Trin., a. m. Cincinnati, O., Cathedral. preached. Aft. Grace, Avondale, preached, Evg. Epiphany Walnut Hills, preached.

" 2, Mon., a. m., Cincinnati, O., addressed clergy at Cathedral Chapter House. Evg. addressed Episcopal Church Club.

" 4, Wed,, aft., Dayton, O., addressed Woman's Auxiliary.

" 8, 16th aft., Trin., Watertown, N. Y., Trinity Church, three addresses, including one to the S. S.

" 15, 17th Sun. aft. Trinity, a. m. Mt, Washington, Md. St. John's preached and addressed S. S., p. m. , Baltimore, Mt. Calvary, preached, Evg., same, Ascension, preached.

" 17, Tues. evg., New York, Gen. Theol. Seminary address.

" 18, Wed., p. m., Boston, Trinity, addressed Mass. Br. Wo. Auxliary.

" 20, Fri., p. m., No. Adams. Mass. St. John's, address Wo. Aux.

" 21, Sat., p. m., Orange, N. J., solemnized a marriage.

" 22, a. m., same, St. Mark's, preached. P. m., Ch. of the Holy Communion, preached and addressed S. S. Evg: Christ Ch., preached.

" 25, Wed., set forth a Form of Thanksgiving for Peace in the Orient.

" 29, 19th Sun. aft. Trin., a. m., Boston, Mass., Trinity, preached, p. m., same, Emmanuel, preached. Evg., Somerville, Mass,, St. Thomas's, preached.

" 30, Mon., p. m,. Babylon, L. I., Adressed Wo. Auxiliary.

Nov., 1, Wed., All Saints' Day, Holy Communion, at St. Paul's Ch., New Haven, Ct. Evg., Same, Anniversary Services.

" 5, 20th Sun. aft. Trin., a. m., Conshohocken, Pa., Calvary; preached and addressed S. S. Aft. Valley Forge, preached and addressed S. S. Evg., preached at parish Church, Norristown, Pa.

" 9, Thur., a. m., Ansonia, Ct., Christ Ch., assisted in Holy Communion, p. m., addressed Daughters of the King.

" 10, Fri., Philadelphia, Pa., p. m., Holy Trinity, address Wo. Aux.

" 12, 21st Sun. aft. Trin., Morristown, N. J., a. m., Redeemer, address. Evg., Orange, N. J., All Saints', preached.

Nov. 14, Tues., p. m., New Haven, Ct., Trinity, assisted at burial.

Nov. 19, 22d Sun. aft. Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y. a. m., Holy Trinity, preached. P. m., Grace, preached. Evg., St. Clement's, preached.
" 26, Sun. next bef. Advent. a. m., Boston Mass. Advent, preached.
" 28, Tues. Orange, N. J. All Saints', solemnized a marriage.
" 30, Thanksgiving Day, New Haven, Ct. a. m., St. Paul's, attended.
Dec. 2, Sat., a., m., Brooklyn, N. Y., Christ Ch., adressed S. S.
" 3, 1st. Sun. in Advent., at sea.
" 10, 2d Sun. in Advent. a. m. San Juan, P. R., Church of St. John the Baptist, preached, Evg. same, preached in Spanish.
" 15, Fri., Puerta de Tierra, St. Luke's, preached in Spanish.
" 17, 3d Sun. in Advent. Ponce. a. m., Holy Trinity, preached. Evg., same, officiated. Afterward met Hospital Committee.
" 18, Mon. evg., Meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 18, Mon. St. Thomas' Day. Holy Trinity, Ponce, attended Holy Communion.
" 24, 4th Sun. in Advent. a. m., Vieques, All Saints', preached and celebrated Holy Communion.
" 25, Christmas Day. a. m., same, preached and celebrated Holy Comn. Aft., went to Culebra to inspect land offered for a Church.
" 26, St. Stephen's Day. Evg., Vieques, All Saints', preached.
" 27, St. John's Day., a. m., same, celebrated Holy Communion.
" 31, Sun. aft, Christmas. a. m., Ponce, Holy Trinity, celebrated Holy Communion. Evg,, same, officiated.

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Jan. 1, Circumcision. a. m., same, attended Holy Communion.
" 6, Epiphany. a. m., La Carmelita, St, Mary's, celebrated Holy Communion in Spanish. p. m., same, said Evening Prayer and preached in Spanish.
" 7, 1st Sun. aft. Epiphany, same, a. m., preached and celebrated Holy Communion. p. m., said Evening Prayer and preached in Spanish.
" 14, 2d after Epiph., Ponce, Holy Trinity, a. m. said Morning Prayer and preached.
" 18, Thurs., evg., Mayagüez, San Andrés, preached and confirmed 14 in Spanish.
" 21, 3d Sun. aft. Epiphany. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. E. M. Parker, as Bishop-coadjutor of New Hampshire, and of Rev. C. D. Williams, as Bishop of Michigan. a. m., Ponce, Holy Trinity, said Morning Prayer, preached and celebrated Holy Communion. Evg.. same, said Evening Prayer.
Jan. 27, Sat. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev

J. N. McCormick, as Bishop-coadjutor of W. Michig
Jan. 28, 4th aft. Epiphany. a. m., San Juan, St. John's, preac
Evg., same, preached in Spanish.
" 30, Tues. Inspected land for a Church at Candelaria.
Feb. 4, 5th Sun. aft. Epiph., a. m., Ponce, Holy Trinity, celel
ted Holy Communion, preached and said Morn
Prayer. Evg.. said Evening Prayer and preached
" 9, Fri. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of F
W. W. Webb, as Bishop-coadjutor of Milwaukee.
" 11, Septuagesima. A. m., celebrated, and said Morning Pr
er, Ponce Holy Trinity. Evg., same, said Ever
Prayer and preached.
" 14, Wed. a. m., same. Examination of Rev. L. Read, Deac
for Priest's Orders. Evg., took order for his ordinat
" 15, Thurs., same, a. m., Ordained Rev. Leonard Read to
Sacred Order of Priests. Rev. W. Watson and F
F. Caunt assisting.
" 18, Sexagesima. Same, a. m., said Morning Prayer. E
preached.
" 23, Fri. Evg., meeting of Hospital Commitee, Ponce.
" 24, St. Matthias' Day. Mayagüez, arranged for opening
School.
" 25, Quinquagesima. A. m,, Ponce, Holy Trinity, celebra
Holy Communion, said Morning Prayer and Pre
ed. Evg., officiated and preached, same.
" 26, Mon. Evg., Ponce, Meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 28 Ash-Wednesday. A. m., Ponce, Holy Trinity, celebrat
said Morning Prayer and preached. Evg., same,
ciated and preached.
Mar. 3, Sat. San Juan, attended meeting of Anti-Tubercul
League.
" 4, 1st. in Lent. Same, St. John's, a. m., preached
celebrated Holy Communion. Evg., same, officia
and preached in Spanish.
" 7, Thur. Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo, interview w
W. Emerson Mears, a Wesleyan missionary.
" 8, Fri. Rev. Visited Santiago de los Caballeros.
" 11, 2d. Sun. in Lent. A. m., baptized Rev. W. Emerson Mea
at Puerto Plata. Evg., by special request, preac
in the Wesleyan Chapel, same.
" 12, Mon. Same, confirmed Rev. W. Emerson Mears.
" 18, 3d Sun. in Lent. At sea, en route for N. Y.
" 20, Tues. New York, reported action in regard to Sa
Domingo, to the Gen. Sec. Board of Missions.
" 25, Annunciation and 4th Sun. in Lent. At sea, bound
San Juan.
Apr. 1, 5th Sun. in Lent. A. m., officiated, St. John's, San Ju
Evg., same, officiated, and preached in Spanish.

Apr. 2, Mon. aft. same. took part in Lenten Service.
" 3, Tues. aft. same, took part in Lenten Service.
" 4, Wed. Mayagüez. Inspected Building for School.
" 6, Fri. p. m., Took part in Lenten Service, Ponce, Holy Trinity. Evg., meeting of Hospital Committee, same.
" 8, Palm Sunday. A. m., same, Celebrated Holy Communion, asked a blessing on the Palm Branches. Visitation of sick man, preached. Evg,, same, took part in Evening Prayer.
" 9, Monday bef. Easter. Aft. Ponce, Holy Trinity, officiated at a Burial. Evg,. meeting of Hospital Commitee.
" 10, Tues. bef. Easter. A. m., Celebrated Holy Communion, same. Aft., took part in Lenten Service, same.
" 11, Wed. bef. Easter. A. m., Ponce, Holy Trinity, assisted in Holy Communion. P. m., same, attended Lenten Service. Evg. same, meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 12, Thurs. bef. Easter. A. m., same Celebrated Holy Communion. P. m., meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 13, Good Friday., a. m., same, preached. Took part in Three Hours' Devotion.
" 14, Easter Even. La Carmelita, St. Mary's, officiated and preached in Spanish. Built an Altar for next day's Services.
" 15, Easter Day. A. m.. same, Celebrated Holy Communion, preached, baptized 8 children, solemnized 3 marriages. P. m., consecrated new Burial Ground, same, all in Spanish.
" 17, Tues. after Easter. A. m. Ponce, Holy Trinity, celebrated Holy Communion, Evg., meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 18, Thur. Evg., Meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 21, Sat. Evg., Meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 22, 1st Sun. after Easter., a. m., Ponce, Holy Trinity, celebrated Holy Comn., took part in Morning Prayer and preached. Evg., same, took part in Evening Prayer.
" 23, Mon: Evg., meeting of Hospital Committee.
" 27, Fri. Evg., said the Litany. same.
" 29, 2d Sun. aft. Easter, San Juan, St. John's a. m. and evg., preached and confirmed, 3 and 5, at latter service received 5 already confirmed in R. C. Church. Aft. St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, preached and confirmed 2: Evening service in Spanish.
" 30, Mon., Evg., Ponce, Hospital Committee.
May. 1, St. Philip and St. James., a. m., same. attended Holy Communion.
" 3, Thurs. Mayagüez, arranging matters for School.
" 6, 3d Sun. aft. Easter., Ponce. Holy Trinity, a. m. preached, confirmed 3, received one.

APPENDIX II.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Mayaguez.—*San Andrés Mission.* Rev. David W. Bland, Missionary.

Statistics.—Individuals, 174. Baptized persons, 169. Communicants, 19; Removed, 4. Baptisms, 24. Confirmations, 14. Marriages, 11. Burials, 3. Average attendance, 70. Sunday School: Teachers, 8; Pupils, 167; Average attendance, 105. Parish School: Teachers, 1; Pupils, 60 (just opened). Church property, $183. Aid received from Board of Missions, $451.64. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $21.99; Communion alms, $9. 38;Organ $35; Altar furniture, $6; Fitting up Mission, $242.66 Total contributions (not including aid received), $72.37.

This mission has just completed its first year of work, and is among Puerto Ricans in the Spanish language, with provision, when necessary, for English speaking people.

Ponce.—*Church of the Holy Trinity.* Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Rector. Wardens, Fernando Toro and Julius Umbach. Treasurer, Alexander B. Marvin. Clerk, George Monefeldt.

Statistics.—Individuals, 200. Baptized persons 200. Communicants, about 75. Died, 5. Removed, 50. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5. Sunday School: Teachers, 4; pupils, 25. Parish School: Teachers, 2; pupils, 45. Church property, $12,000. Aid received from Board of Missions, $1200. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $378.41; Communion alms, $44.24; Missions, $32.25; Aged & Infirm clergy, $10; Special, $50; La Carmelita, Church Extension Fund $1; Archdeacon Webber $33.14; Parish school $2; Vieques, $4.44; Rector's Discr. Fund $50; Burial Fund $18. Total contributions (not including aid received) $623.48. Societies: Parish Guild, All Soul's Guild, Embroidery Class at Playa where catechism is also taught. Many of the English speaking people are leaving for Cuba and Santo Domingo and elsewhere on this Island in quest of work. The Present rector came Mch. 16th, 1906.

Ponce, La Carmelita.—*St. Mary the Virgin.* Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Minister-in-Charge. Treasurer, J. Van Leenhoff.

Statistics.—Individuals, 500. Baptized persons, 500. Communicants, about 150. Baptisms, 8. Marriages 3.

The present rector in Ponce has not been to La Carmelita, as the Spanish language is necessary, but it seems to be a fine opportunity for the Church.

San Juan.—*St John the Baptist.* Rev. Walter Mitchell, Rector.

—Wardens, Henry W. Dooley and T. G. I. Waymouth. Treasurer, H. M. Pruden. Clerk, E. N. Clopper.

Statistics.—Individuals, American, 205; Puerto Rican 35; Baptized persons, 283. Communicants, American 94; Puerto Rican, 11, Died, 3, Received. 29. Removed, 30, Baptisms. 11. Confirmations 7. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4. Sunday Schools, 2. Teachers, 13; pupils, 95. Church property, $37,500. Aid received from Board of Missions, $800; from friends in U. S. for organ $450. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $1667.66; Communion alms, $63.20; Missions, $183.42: Archdeacon Webber, $127.73; St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce, $11.61; Organ fund, $1800; Total contributions, not including aid received, $3853.62. Societies: Woman's Auxiliary, Altar and Choir Guild, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Sewing School.

Spanish services, begun Trinity Sunday, have averaged an attendance of 33, the confirmation of 6 Puerto Ricans and another class nearly ready. Services at the Naval Station on Tuesday nights have averaged an attendance of almost exactly half of those Marines free to come. There has been a marked increase in interest and efectiveness in every society save one, and throughout the parish.

San Juan, Puerta de Tierra.—*St. Luke's Mission.*—Rev. Walter Mitchell, Minister in charge. Treasurer, Paul P. Keen. Clerk, Napoleon F. John.

Statistics.—Individuals, 76. Baptized persons, 76. Communicants, 35. Received, 3. Removed, 6. Baptisms, 3; Confirmations, 3: Sunday School: teachers, 3; pupils 50. Church property, about $15. Aid received from Board of Missions, $25. Contributions: Parish purposes including salaries, $84.32; Communion alms, $3.88, Missions, $7.28; Convocation expenses, $.93; Archdeacon Webber, $1.72; Bishop of Jerusalem; $.64; Total contributions, not including aid received, $98.77. Societies: Woman's Auxiliary, Sewing School.

Since Sept, 1st. has paid all expenses, except salary of Minister and has a credit in the bank. Through Deaconess Weidensee, the Mission has received a bell from the Little Helpers of the Minnesota Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and from another branch money, towards a silver wafer box.

Vieques.—*All Saints' Church.* Rev. Leonard Read, Rector. Wardens, Cain Callwood and Isaiah Joseph. Treasurers, V. Bean and L. Guy. Clerk, John Sprott.

Statistics.—Individuals, 200. Baptized persons, 150. Communicants, 30. Removed, 45. Baptized, 3. Marriages, 1. Average attendance 46. Sunday Schools: teachers, 1: pupils, 50. Average attendance, 16. Church property, $4,000. Aid received from Board of Missions, $750. Contributions: Communion alms, $11.08; Parish purposes including salaries, $47.71; Missions, $14; Bp. of Jerusalem Fund, $1.25; Genl. Clergy Fund, $4.60; Rectory Fund,

$30.27; Total contributions, not including aid received, $108.91. A large parish hall and rectory have been presented to the parish, and are nearly completed. There have also been presented to the parish, a complete set of Altar linen, a pair of brass and a pair of glass candlesticks, a bronze crucifix, and a fine bronze bell still unhung.

PERSONAL REPORTS.

Aguirre, P. R., May 6th, 1906.

RT. REV. AND DEAR BISHOP,

In accordance with the Canons I beg leave to report that since leaving Ponce, I have been living at Central Aguirre. Have celebrated the Holy Communion twice privately.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM WATSON.

THE RT. REV. J. H. VAN BUREN, D.D.

SUMMARY.

Parishes and Missions			7
Clergy			7
Communicants			414
Sunday School Teachers			29
" "	Pupils		387
Parish "	Teachers		3
" "	Pupils		205
Baptisms			49
Confirmations			29
Marriages			29
Burials			12
Total of Contributions			$ 4757.15

CONFIRMATIONS.

July 16, a. m.,	St. Andrew's, Yonkers, N. Y.	1
Jan. 18, a. m.,	San Andrés, Mayagüez,	14
Mar. 12, a. m.,	Private House, Puerto Plata, Santo Domingo	1
Apr. 29, a. m.,	St. John the Baptist, San Juan,	3
p. m.,	St, Luke's, Puerta de Tierra,	2
evg.,	St. John the Baptist, San Juan,	5
May 6, a. m.,	Holy Trinity, Ponce,	3
	TOTAL,	29

Ordination to Priesthood.

Feb. 15, 1906. In Holy Trinity Church, Ponce: Rev. Leonard Read.

Received from Another Diocese.

May 8, 1906. Rev. Harvey P. Walter, from Central Pennsylvania.

Resignation.

Mch. 10, 1906. Rev. William Watson, Rector Holy TrinityChurch, Ponce.

Died.

Dec. 5,1905. Rev. Z. Vall-Spinoza.

Lay Reader.

May 18, 1906. Courtney C. Nairn, San Juan. Renewed for one year.

Parish Helpers.

Miss Sarah R, Davidson, Vieques.
" Pauline Weidensee, Deaconess, San Juan.

Teachers.

Miss Frances Cuddy	Ponce
" Minnie L. Fordham	"
" Elizabeth Woodruff	San Juan
Señorita Dolores Romañat	"
" Matilde Martinez	Mayagüez

LIST OF THE CLERGY.

In order of Canonical Residence.

The Rt. Rev. James Heartt Van Buren, D.D.

Consecrated June 24. 1092,

Nov. 17	1899,	Rev. Joseph H. Bean,	Ordained in Antigua,
Dec. 29	1903,	Rev. William Watson,	Maryland,
July 13	1904,	Rev. David W. Bland,	Jamaica,
Nov. 26	1904,	Rev. Walter Mitchell,	Missouri,
Feb. 2	1905,	Rev. Leonard Read,	Ordained in P. R.
May 8	1906,	Rev. Harvey P. Walter,	Central Penn.

OFFICERS OF THE MISSIONARY DISTRICT.

President.—The Rt. Rev. James Heartt Van Buren, D. D.

Chancellor.—The Hon. James H. McLeary, San Juan.

Secretary.—Mr. George L. Nelson, Aguirre.

Treasurer.—Mr. H. M. Pruden, San Juan.

Registrar.—The Rev. Walter Mitchell, San Juan.

Standing Committee.—The Rev. Walter Mitchell, the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Mr. George L. Nelson, Mr. W. V. Robbins, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.—The Rev. David W. Bland, Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

Committee on Finance.—The Bishop, the Treasurer, Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Mr. W. V. Robbins, Mr. George L. Nelson.

Auditing Committee.—Mr. J. D. H. Luce, Mr. Albert E. Lee, the Rev. Walter Mitchell.

Committee on Spanish Hymnal and Translation of Bible.—The Rev. Walter Mitchell, the Rev. David W. Bland, the Rev. Leonard Read.

Committee on Men's United Thank Offering.—Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Chairman, Mr. Walter Chapman, Mr. W. V. Robbins, Mr. A. E. Horton, Mr. P. J. Cabrera, Mr. Hilario Villafaña, Mr. George L. Nelson.

Committee on Constitution and Canons.—The Rev. Walter Mitchell, the Rev. David W. Bland, Mr. J. R. F. Savage.

Committee on Episcopal Support.—Hon. Laurence Grahame, Mr. Henry W. Dooley, Rev. Leonard Read.

Committee on Sunday Schools.—The Rev. Walter Mitchell, the Rev. Leonard Read, Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

APPENDIX III.

REPORTS OF CHURCH WORK AND WORKERS.

St. Andrew's Church, Mayagüez.

Opened in March 1906.—The first services were in English, in a private house. These were poorly attended. In April, we gave up this room and rented an old coffee warehouse in a thickly populated barrio at the southern end of the town. This we fitted up for Church purposes, and we have now a Mission Room which for comfort, neatness, cleanliness and churchly appearance, can compare favorably with many others of more pretensions.

In this room, named La Iglesia de San Andrés, the Bishop held the first service, that of the Holy Communion, on May 21, 1906. There were only four communicants, all Americans; but, at the door were some few Puerto Ricans looking on, hardly if at all understanding the import of the transformation in the old coffee-store. During the following week a circular of invitation in Spanish was issued, and on the 28th we began services in that language, with a congregation of 150 persons, of whom the majority came through pure curiosity, and some for the deliberate purpose of annoying us and disturbing the services.

From that day the services of the Church have been regularly carried on, without interruption; Morning and Evening Prayer with sermon, on Sundays; with other services and instruction during the week. The sacraments have also been regularly administered.

In January of the present year there was a class of fourteen confirmed, there are also several at the present time desirous of confirmation, and we have a congregation mostly of adults, averaging 70 in number. We have 167 children on the Sunday School roll, with an average attendance of 114. They are well-behaved, attentive and satisfactory in their lessons.

In February, the Board of Missions made an appropriation for the rental of a school building and the employment of a native teacher. Miss Matilde Martinez has been employed, and she has 52 children. The building will also be used in the evenings for lectures and social church gatherings.

The present is the day of small things, but when the little one becomes a thousand, San Andrés, Mayagüez will be a strong native church, and an influential center, not of sectional, but of catholic truth.

DAVID W. BLAND,

Minister in Charge.

All Saints' Church, Vieques.

In or about the year 1874, one Zaccheus Anderson, a carpenter, from the Island of Santa Cruz, came to Vieques, and personally conducted Church services, to the great comfort of the many English laborers resident there. He was followed, some years later, by a Mr. John James Haddock, a native of Tortola, who continued the good work, and opened a school. He continued to hold services and conduct his school until about 1881.

About this same time, there there was on one of the smaller islands, a revenue officer, named Joseph Nathaniel Bean, who from time to time, held Church services. Hearing of the need of some one to carry on the work at Vieques, he gave up his position under the British Colonial Government, and came to Vieques to live. His services were well received, and he went to the United States, and entered St. Augustine's College in 1889, to study for the ministry. On the representation of Archdeacon Hutson, of the Church of England in St. Thomas, he was ordained in 1893 and returned to Vieques as Priest in Charge. Here he has remained ever since. He became totally blind about the year 1897, and in 1905 resigned the charge of the Church of All Saints' where for more than fifteen years he had rendered faithful and efficient service. He still lives in Vieques, a pension having been secured for him from the American Church: which renders him comfortable during his declining years, while precluded from active service by reason of his blindness.

Since his residence began in Vieques, the present incumbent has been enabled to bring near completion a commodious parish hall and rectory. He has been there now about a year and reports much earnestness and interest on the part of the people. On account of frequent removals, there have been many changes in the congregation, and few who were there ten years ago are there now. The people are colored, and come from adjacent English and Danish islands. They are, as a rule, sober and industrious; the principal industry is sugar. The climate is particularly healthful, and there are many people there of advanced age.

LEONARD READ,

Rector.

REPORT OF DEACONESS' WORK.

Nov. 1905 to May 1906, San Juan and Puerta de Tierra.

Regular attendance upon Sunday Services in both St. John's and St. Luke's Churches to the number of	73
Teaching 3 times Sundays in 3 Sessions Sunday School	66
Total	139

Attendance also upon nearly all minor or Saints' Day and Special Lenten Services.

Upon many occasions acting as substitute organist and fulfilling this duty at Marine Station	22 weeks.
Assistance at the Friday night Spanish Services St. Luke's Mission	20 weeks.
Arranged for the Study work of the *six* meetings of St. Luke's Woman's Auxiliary subjects, Alaska, China, and Africa; *first* returns of ⅓ year mite box money	$ 6.10

Attendance and taking part in the work of the Guilds of St. John's Church.

Carried on practically alone the work of *two* Sewing classes, weekly. Mission School Sewing class enrollment 25, average attendance 17 girls.

St. Luke's class enrollment 39, average attendance 30.

½ day weekly calls for St. John's Spanish Sunday School—total	160
½ day weekly calls, St, Luke's parish, Sunday School and sewing class	250
Total for 5 months	410

Teaching 8 periods weekly Kindergarten work at the Mission School, enrollment 15 children from 5 to 6½ years of age.

Distributed 4 Christmas dinners, received through subscription, value	$ 3.75
Expended in sewing material for both classes from fund	$ 1.10

Respectfully submitted.

Pauline Weidensee,
Deaconess.

REPORT OF PARISH HELPER, PONCE.

My chief work during the past year has been to give religious instruction and as a help in that work to form classes for work or instruction; to visit the women, especially the sick; and to help in taking care of the church.

The Parish Guild was formed before I came to Ponce. It has a devotional meeting in the church once a month. The special work of the colored members is to keep clean the linen vestments. etc,, and they enjoy doing it. They have also been very faithful in cleaning and decorating the church. The ladies have met each week to work. Two sets of vestments, white and green, have been finished the past year for the parish, and one linen set for a gift; two stoles have been worked for the parish and one for an order; an alb, amice and surplice, and four cassocks have also been made for the parish, and a set of red vestments are well advanced.

Creditable work has been done by a few young girls who met weekly. Three amice apparels have been worked on linen, and two pieces of church embroidery on silk, besides some plainer work by the school children.

At the Playa I have had a class that met weekly at which I have taught the Catechism in Spanish. The Sunday School there met first in a room in a fruit packing house that we were allowed to use, and when that had to be given up we met in the house of one of the women belonging to the class. There were twenty-four names on the roll and nearly all the members spoke Spanish, most of the English-speaking people with whom the Playa mission started having left for Cuba, Santo Domingo or St. Thomas.

We have had interesting work helping the girls who do drawn-work. They were wretchedly underpaid and we hoped to introduce the work in places where fair prices would be paid. Through friends in Orange, N. J. and the Woman's Auxiliary of Cleveland, Ohio, and elsewhere, many orders for work were received. Starting with a capital of $50., we have paid out $1348.72 for work done, over $200, is still due us, and about $100 worth is now being done for orders. Several of the best workers depend entirely upon this work, but the management of it takes much time and I have sometimes felt it might be spent better in what is more strictly church work.

I have had the regular assistance of two members of the Guild in the care of the Altar etc. and much help from all.

S. R. DAVIDSON,
Parish Helper.

REPORT OF PAROCHAL, SCHOOL.

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO, SEPT. 1905 TO MAY 1906.

Enrolled pupils 65.
Average attendance 50.

This year the school has been divided into three grades, the kindergarten conducted by Deaconess Weidensee, the intermediate taught by Dolores Romañat, and main school. As the Kin-

dergarten children advanced from time to time they have been promoted into the intermediate and so on.

We have combined the Spanish with English, Daily program:

Short opening service of prayer, study of music and regular routine studies and Physical culture. A sewing class for the girls once a week in charge of Miss Weidensee, In addition to this we had a boys gymnasium class once a week, but not having the regular gymnasium apparatus we turned the class into a military drill and had the help of a trained soldier.

The children's homes have been visited by the teachers when the children were absent on account of sickness or other causes. The fund for the purchase of shoes is greatly appreciated by the little girls who would not go to school without shoes.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH A. WOODRUFF,
Principal.

REPORT OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

Ponce, Puerto Rico.

(For half year ending Feb. 1906.)

School opened Sept. 25, 1905, with an attendance of twenty-seven; 18 boys and 9 girls.

The old pupils dropped in from day to day so that at the end of the first month there were forty-one pupils enrolled.

At the beginning of the term one of our vestry men, Mr. Robbins, presented the school with a beatiful flag.

Most of the children have done work during the term.

Term enrollment, 45; Term average, 36.

Respectfully Submitted,

FRANCES CUDDY.
Principal.

APPENDIX IV.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATION T THE PORTO RICAN MISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1st, 1906, AND ENDING AUGST 31st, 1907, ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 8th, 1906.

Item.		Annual Rate U. S. Gold Dollars.	
1	The Bishop's Salary	$ 3,000	
2	" " Official travelling expenses within the Missionary District up to	300	
3	The Bishop's Discretionary Fund	400	
4	The Rev. David W. Bland, Mayagüez	1,200	
5	" " " " " House Rent and the running expense of the Mission, Mayagüez, at the discretion of the Bishop	520	
6	The Rev. Walter Mitchell, San Juan	800	(1)
7	The Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Ponce	1,200	
8	The Rev. Leonard P. Read, Vieques	600	
9	The Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Puerta de Tierra	1,200	
10	The Rev. J. N. Beam, Vieques, (half pension)	150	
11	Miss Frances Cuddy, Ponce	800	
12	Miss Minnie L. Fordham, Ponce	600	
13	Miss Pauline Weidensee, Deaconess (2)	600	
14	Miss Sarah R. Davidson, (2) Parish Worker, Vieques	450	
15	Miss Elizabeth Woodruff, (2) San Juan	800	
16	School Expenses at San Juan, (10 months at $30].	300	
17	School Expenses, Ponce, (10 months at $5)	50	
18	School Expenses at Mayagüez	660	
19	For one additional Clergyman for Culebra or La Carmelita (not appointed yet)	1,200	
20	New Teacher at Mayagüez,	600	
	TOTAL	$ 15,430	

E. & O. E.

Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue, New York,
May 9th, 1906,

A true copy.

Attest:

JOSHUA KIMBEI

Associate Secretar

(1) The congregation of the Church of St. John the Baptist a San Juan is to pay $800 in addition to above stipend.

(2) Appointed under the Woman's Auxiliary United Offerin of 1904.

APPENDIX V.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CONVOCATION OF PUERTO RICO.

Order of Business First Day of the Convocation.

1 At 8.30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.
2 At the conclusion of the Holy Communion, the Bishop shall take the Chair and call the Convocation to order.
3 Election of a Secretary by ballot.
4 Roll call by the Secretary, the List to be provided by the Bishop.
5 Appointment by the Bishop of a Committee on Qualifications, to whom shall be referred any questions touching membership. Undisputed names and credentials to be acted on at once without debate. Questions raised or referred to the Convocation by the Committee on Qualifications to be laid aside temporarily.
6 A constitutional quorum being present, in both orders, the President shall declare the Convocation organized for business.
7 The President shall announce the appointment of the following:
   (a) The Chancellor.
   (b) A Committee on the Admission of new Parishes and Missions, to consist of one clergyman and one layman.
   (c) The Committee on Finance, to consist of the Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.
   (d) A Committee on Unfinished business.
   (e) A Committee on Nominations.
   (f) The Standing Committee.
   (g) The Auditing Committe of three.
8 The receiving and referring of papers relating to the admission of new Parishes and Missions.
9 Report of Committee on Qualifications temporarily laid aside. Action to be taken immediately after discussion.
10 Presentation of any subject that is to be referred without debate, to special committees for their subsequent report.
11 At 2.30 p. m., the Elections of Officers and Committees, the Committee on Nominations having their report ready to offer, and the election to follow immediately; other nominations being always in order. The President shall announce what elections are to follow, viz.—

(a) Treasurer.
(b) Registrar.
(c) Delegates to the General Convention (in convention years).
(d) Committee on Constitutions and Canons (see Canon 13) to consist of two clergymen and one layman.
(e) Committee of three members, on the creation and increase of the fund for support of a bishop.
(f) Other elections, if there are any.

12 At three o'clock the Bishop's Annual Address, unless he shall prefer some other time.

13 Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.

14 Reports and action on them as follows:
(a) By the Treasurer,
(b) By the Registrar.
(c) By the President of the Standing Committee.
(d) By the Chancellor.
(e) By the Committee on Episcopal Support.
(f(By the Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.
(g) By any other Officer or Committee of the Convocation.

15 Miscellaneous business.

16 Adjournment to the second day.

Order of Busines Second Day of the Convocation.

17 Morning Prayer at 8.30 a. m., by appointment of the Bishop.

18 Reading of the Minutes of the preceding day, and action on them.

19 The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjournment the day before, if any.

20 Reports from the several Missionaries, the Teachers, and other workers in the several parts of the District; each to occupy not more than ten minutes, unless by vote of the Convocation extending the time. These reports may be verbal or written, and shall be called for by the President of the Convocation.

21 Reports of any special committees on matters referred to them during the session.

22 At 2.30 p. m., Miscellaneous business.

23 Reading of the Minutes, action on them, and after Prayers and Benediction, by the President, adjournment without day: unless another day is necessary for finishing the business. In that case the above shall be the order.

BULES OF ORDER.

I. The usual courtesies of parliamentary observance shall govern at all times.

II. No person shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convocation nor more than once until others desiring to speak shall have spoken, but the mover of a resolution shall have the privilege of closing the debate.

III. All special committes shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specified in the motion calling for appointment of the committee.

IV. No motion shall be entertained unless and until reduced to writing, and seconded by another than the mover, and handed to the Secretary, with the mover's name appended.

V. When a question is before the Convocation, it shall be in order

(a) To lay on the table.
(b) To postpone to a fixed time.
(c) To postpone indefinitely.
(d) To limit debate by taking a vote at a fixed time, or by a vote determining the time allowed for each speaker.
(e) To commit.
(f) To amend.

Motions for any of these proceedings shall be in the order of precedence as named, and a question on any of these shall be decided before the original motion, which shall then be put, as altered or not.

VI. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are proposed. A motion amending an amendment may be entertained, but no second amendment to an amendment can be entertained. A substitute for the whole may be received and acted upon, provided the substitute be on the same subject.

VII. A motion to lay on the table is to be taken at once without debate.

VIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member in speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

IX. The president shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convocation. in which case a majority or a tie shall sustain the president's decision.

X. With the consent of the Convocation, the mover may at any time wi thdraw a motion which has not been put on its passage, in which case it shall not appear upon the Minutes.

XI. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

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XIII. At the request of the president, or on motion, the Convocation may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

XIV. In a vote by Orders, if the delegates from a parish or mission are equally divided, the vote shall be cast, and marked "divided." And such vote shall not be considered as affecting the decision of the question one way nor the other.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY.

In Order of Canonical Residence.

The Rt. Rev. James Heartt Van Buren, D.D., Bishop, Consecrated June 24, 1902.

Nov. 17, 1899. The Rev. Joseph N. Bean,* Ordained in Antigua.
July 13, 1904. The Rev. David W. Bland, Jamaica.
Feb. 2, 1905. The Rev. Leonard Read, Ordained in Porto Rico.
May 8, 1906. The Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Central Pennsylvania.
May 18, 1906. The Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Pittsburg.
Mch. 7, 1907. The Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Harrisburg.

Total number, 7.

Dismissed to other Dioceses.

Sept. 16, 1906. The Rev. Walter Mitchell, to Southern Virginia.
May 16, 1907. The Rev. William Watson, to Mexico.

Received from other Dioceses.

May 18, 1906. The Rev. Charles E. Snavely, from Pittsburg.
Mch. 7, 1907. The Rev. Frederick A. Warden, from Harrisburg.

LAY READERS.

May 18, 1906. Mr. Courtney C. Nairn, San Juan, renewed for one year.
Aug. 27, 1906. Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, Mayagüez, for one year.

PARISH HELPERS.

Miss Sarah Davidson, Vieques.
Miss Pauline Weidensee, Deaconess, San Juan.

TEACHERS.

Miss Frances Cuddy, Ponce.
Position vacant, San Juan.
Señorita Matilde Martinez, Mayagüez.
Two native assistants, Mayagüez.
Mrs. Barnard, Puerta de Tierra.
Miss Irene Horton, Puerta de Tierra.
Señorita Ramos, Puerta de Tierra.

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* Since the Convocation, Rev. Mr. Bean has died (July 15, 1907).

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES.

President.—The Rt. Rev. James Heartt Van Buren, D.D.

Chancellor.—The Hon. James H. MacLeary, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Secretary.—Mr. George L. Nelson, Aguirre, Porto Rico.

Treasurer.—Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Registrar.—The Rev. Leonard Read, Vieques, Porto Rico.

Standing Committee.—Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Mr. George L. Nelson, Mr. Fernando Toro, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

Finance Committee.—The Bishop, the Treasurer, Mr. Courtney C. Nairn.

Auditing Committee.—Hon. Laurence Grahame, Mr. Albert E. Lee, Rev. Frederick A. Warden.

Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.—Rev. David W. Bland, Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Mr. Henry W. Dooley, Mr. George L. Nelson.

Committee on Constitution and Canons.—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Rev. David W. Bland, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

Committee on Episcopal Support.—Hon. Laurence Grahame, Capt. F. Harding, Rev. Leonard Read.

Committee on St. Luke's Memorial Hospital, Ponce.—Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Hon Regis H. Post, Mr. George L. Nelson, Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

Committee on Establishment of Theological School.—The Bishop, Rev. David W. Bland, Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

Committee on Men's United Thank Offering.—Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Chairman, Mr. Walter Chapman, Mr. W. V. Robbins, Mr. A. E. Horton, Mr. P. J. Cabrera, Mr. Hilario Villafaña, Mr. George L. Nelson.

Delegates to the General Convention.—Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

Alternate Delegates.—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

RESOLUTIONS TO BE REPORTED UPON AT NEXT CONVOCATION.

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NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF CONVOCATION.

The Third Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico will be held in the Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 18 and 19, 1907, beginning with the corporate Communion at 8 a. m. The preacher of the Convocation will be the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ponce.

GEORGE L. NELSON,
Secretary.

AGUIRRE, P. R., May 23, 1907.

JOURNAL.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1907, 8.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Frederick A. Warden. The Rev. Harvey P. Walter preached the sermon; the text being, "Who went about doing good." (Acts 10: 38.)

At 10.15 o'clock the President took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The election of a Secretary being in order, the name of Mr. George L. Nelson was proposed. It was moved, and carried, that the President cast one ballot for Mr. Nelson as Secretary, which was accordingly done and Mr. Nelson was elected.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Convocation as follows (the names of those not present at any time are printed in italics):

LIST OF CLERGY CANONICALLY RESIDENT.

The Right Reverend JAMES HEARTT VAN BUREN, D.D., Bishop.
The Rev. David W. Bland.
The Rev. Leonard Read.
The Rev. Harvey P. Walter.
The Rev. Charles E. Snavely.
The Rev. Frederick A. Warden.

Non-parochial.

The Rev. Joseph N. Bean.

Total number of clergy, 7. Present, 6; absent, 1.

LIST OF PARISHES AND MISSIONS AND OF LAY DELEGATES FROM THE SAME (THE NAMES OF THOSE NOT PRESENT ARE PRINTED IN ITALICS):

Place.	Parish or Mission.	Lay Delegates.
Aguas Buenas,	Advent,	No representatives.
Mayagüez,	St. Andrew's,	No representatives.
Ponce,	Holy Trinity,	*F. Manuel Toro.*
		George L. Nelson.
Puerta de Tierra,	St. Luke's,	Ernesto Rivera.
		Frank Galloway.
San Juan,	St. John the Baptist,	Courtney C. Nairn.
		Henry W. Dooley.
Vieques,	All Saints',	*Frederic L. Hill.*

Total number of Parishes and Missions, 6, represented by 7 delegates. Present 5, absent 2.

The Chancellor, a member *ex officio,* attended later in the session.

The President appointed as a

Committee on Qualifications.

REV. LEONARD READ, MR. COURTNEY C. NAIRN,

A quorum being present, the President declared the Convocation organized for business.

The Rev. Frederick A. Warden then announced that luncheon for the members of the Convocation had been arranged for, at one o'clock, and upon his motion, it was

Resolved, That the hour of adjournment be 12.45.

The President announced the following appointments:

Chancellor.

HON. JAMES H. MACLEARY.

Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.

REV. DAVID W. BLAND, MR. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

Committee on Finance.

THE BISHOP, THE TREASURER, MR. COURTNEY C. NAIRN.

Committee on Unfinished Business.

MR. HENRY W. DOOLEY, MR. GEORGE L. NELSON.

Committee on Nominations.

REV. HARVEY P. WALTER, REV. LEONARD READ,
HON. JAMES H. MACLEARY.

The Standing Committee (or Council of Advice).

REV. CHARLES E. SNAVELY, MR. GEORGE L. NELSON,
REV. HARVEY P. WALTER, MR. FERNANDO TORO,
MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH.

The Auditing Committee.

HON. LAURENCE GRAHAME, MR. ALBERT E. LEE,
REV. FREDERICK A. WARDEN.

The Secretary announced that he had received a letter from Bishop Sessums, of Louisiana, as Chairman of the sub-committee of the joint committee appointed by the General Convention in reference to work among the colored people, which he thereupon read, and, upon his motion, it was

Resolved, That the matter be referred to a special committtee of three appointed by the Chair, which shall report to this Convocation.

The Chair appointed as such committee:

REV. DAVID W. BLAND, REV. FREDERICK A. WARDEN,
MR. GEORGE L. NELSON.

Upon the motion of the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convocation that the offerings of this Jurisdiction for General Missions be at least $200.00, and that the Chair appoint a committee of three to report to this Convocation on that matter.

The Chair appointed as such committee:

REV. FREDERICK A. WARDEN, REV. HARVEY P. WALTER,
MR. COURTNEY C. NAIRN.

Upon the motion of Rev. Frederick A. Warden, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary and two other members appointed by the Bishop be a committee to draft a suitable memorial regarding the Fifth Anniversary of our Bishop's consecration.

The Bishop appointed:

REV. FREDERICK A. WARDEN, MR. HENRY W. DOOLEY,
THE SECRETARY.

Upon motion by the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

Resolved, That the Convocation adjourn till 2.30 o'clock p. m.

The Bishop called the Convocation to order at 2.30 o'clock p. m.

The Committee on Nominations announced the list of nominations, as follows:

For Treasurer.

MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH.

For Registrar.

REV. FREDERICK A. WARDEN.

For Delegates to the General Convention.

REV. CHARLES E. SNAVELY,
MR. H. W. DOOLEY.

For Committee on Constitution and Canons.

REV. FREDERICK A. WARDEN,
REV. DAVID W. BLAND,
HON J. R. F. SAVAGE.

For Committee on Episcopal Support.

HON. LAURENCE GRAHAME,
CAPT. F. HARDING,
REV. LEONARD READ.

The Rev. David W. Bland was also nominated for delegate to the General Convention.

The Rev. Frederick A. Warden declined the nomination as Registrar, and the Rev. Leonard Read and the Rev. Charles E. Snavely were nominated.

Upon motion by the Hon. James H. MacLeary, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cast the ballots of the Convocation for the offices and committees one by one where only one nomination for the office or the committee is made.

In accordance with this motion, the Treasurer, the Committee on Constitution and Canons, and the Committee on Episcopal Support were elected.

Upon motion by the Hon. James H. MacLeary, it was

Resolved, That the election of the Registrar and delegates to the General Convention be deferred until after the Bishop's address.

At 3.15 o'clock p. m., the Bishop delivered his annual address. (See Appendix I.)

Upon motion by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the expense of publishing the JOURNAL, be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons, to report at the next annual meeting of this Convocation.

Upon motion by the Rev. David W. Bland, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the new Spanish hymnal, be referred to the Committee on Spanish Hymnal and Translation of the Bible, appointed at the last meeting of Convocation, to report at this meeting.

Upon motion by the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the Memorial Hospital of St. Luke, the Beloved Physician, at Ponce, be referred to a special committee of two clergymen and three laymen, to report, at the next Convocation, suggestions for commending the hospital to the attention of the people of Puerto Rico, for promoting its welfare, and for connecting it with the Convocation, as an institution of this missionary district.

The Bishop appointed as such committee:

THE REV. HARVEY P. WALTER, HON. REGIS H. POST,
THE REV. FREDERICK A. WARDEN, MR. GEORGE L. NELSON,
MR. HENRY W. DOOLEY.

Upon motion by Mr. Henry W. Dooley, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the expenses of delegates to the General Convention, be referred to the Committee on Finance, to report suggestions, at this meeting.

Upon motion by the Rev. Charles E. Snavely, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the establishment of a Theological School, be referred to a committee of five, consisting of the Bishop, two clergymen and two laymen, to report at the next annual meeting of this Convocation.

The Bishop appointed as such committee:

THE BISHOP,
THE REV. DAVID W. BLAND, MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH,
THE REV. CHARLES E. SNAVELY, HON. J. R. F. SAVAGE.

The Rev. Harvey P. Walter presented the following reso—lution:

Inasmuch as the Convocation has heard with pleasure that Mrs. Van Buren is rapidly regaining her health and hopes to return to the District in January; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to send Mrs. Van Buren the hearty congratulations of the Convocation and assure her of a most cordial welcome to our number again.

Upon motion, it was decided to return to Order of Business No. 11, and take up the election of a Registrar and Delegates to the General Convention.

After taking two ballots, the Rev. Leonard Read was elected Registrar.

Upon motion by the Hon. James H. MacLeary, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cast one ballot for Mr. Henry W. Dooley, as the lay delegate to the General Convention.

This was done, and Mr. Dooley was declared elected.

The Rev. Mr. Bland said that it would be quite impossible, on account of his wife's health, for him to attend the General Convention, and declined the nomination.

Upon motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cast one ballot for the Rev. Charles E. Snavely, for the clerical delegate to the General Convention.

This was done, and the Rev. Mr. Snavely was declared elected.

The Rev. Mr. Snavely said that it was customary to elect alternate delegates to the General Convention, and suggested the propriety of electing an alternate clerical deputy at once.

The name of the Rev. Frederick A. Warden was proposed, and, upon motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cast one ballot for the Rev. Mr. Warden as alternate clerical delegate to the General Convention.

This was done, and the Rev. Mr. Warden was declared elected.

Upon motion by Mr. Henry W. Dooley, it was

Resolved, That the alternate lay delegate be left to the appointment by the Bishop,

who later appointed Mr. J. R. F. Savage.

The Treasurer's Report was omitted owing to absence.

The Registrar, the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, reported that he had received a number of Diocesan journals and had placed them on file.

The Standing Committee reported that there had been no meetings during the past year.

The Chancellor made a verbal report, saying that his duties had been so light as scarcely to deserve a report, and that they were always pleasant.

The Committee on Episcopal Support had no report.

The Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions had no report.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported:

The work done last year, and reported upon, has been the means of opening the way to prepare for the acceptance of a very desirable uniformity in the matter of a course of instruction which shall open the minds of the Sunday-school scholars to see and understand the Church's doctrine by the adoption of a system which shall bring out the Church's year and Catechism. The Joint Diocesan Lessons are being translated into Spanish without charge for the Church in the Island of Cuba, and your Committee is of the opinion that it would be good for this jurisdiction if the Bishop could obtain copies of this translation for our use. Your Committee calls attention to a translation of the Bishop of Pittsburg's Catechism of the Church's year, which promises to be helpful in Sunday-school work.

LEONARD READ,
Chairman.

A motion by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, that the Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools be accepted, was carried.

A verbal report by Mr. Henry W. Dooley, in the absence of the Chairman of the *Committee on the Men's United Thank Offering,* that good progress was being made, was accepted.

The President announced that the corner-stone of the new Church of St. Luke, at Puerta de Tierra, was to be laid the next day at 4 o'clock, and all lay delegates were invited to be there; the clergy were requested to come with their vestments.

The Committee on Spanish Hymnal and Translation of the Bible reported:

Your committee beg to report that a Spanish hymnal has been published and issued, under the direction of the Right Rev. the Bishop and Mrs. Van Buren; also, that they consider the edition Cipriano Valera of the translation of the Bible, now in use in the jurisdiction, to be the best for general use.

DAVID W. BLAND,
Chairman.

The President stated that in all probability the Constitution and Canons, adopted by this Missionary District, would be acted upon by the House of Bishops at the coming General Convention at Richmond.

Upon motion by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, the regular order of business was suspended and order No. 21 was taken up.

The Committee on the Apportionment reported in the form of a resolution, as follows:

WHEREAS, During the past year the apportionment for missions in the District of Porto Rico has been $100; be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convocation that the apportionment should be increased to $200.

FREDERICK A. WARDEN, *Chairman,*
HARVEY P. WALTER,
C. C. NAIRN.

Mr. Henry W. Dooley proposed an amendment to the effect that the amount be more conservative and be placed at $150, instead of $200. This was carried.

The Committee on Anniversary of the Bishop's Consecration reported:

WHEREAS, Saint John Baptist's Day next, 24th inst., marks the Fifth Anniversary of the Right Rev. Dr. Van Buren's consecration to the Episcopate; be it therefore

Resolved, That we, the Clergy and Laity of the Third Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico, assembled in the above Church, express our gratitude to God for our Bishop's life and labors in our midst, congratulate him on his five years in that high and responsible office, assure him of our continued loyalty and devotion

to him, and pray that he may long be spared to exercise the office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God.

FREDERICK A. WARDEN, *Chairman*,
GEORGE L. NELSON,
HENRY W. DOOLEY.

The Bishop replied to this resolution most appreciatively and feelingly.

Upon motion, the Convocation adjourned till Wednesday, at 8.30 o'clock a. m.

SECOND DAY.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO,
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1907, 8.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, the Rector of the Parish, assisted by the Rev. Leonard Read, the Bishop also being in the chancel.

At 9 o'clock a. m. the President took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The minutes of the proceedings of the first day were then read and approved.

Reports from the various missionaries, teachers and workers were then called for.

The Rev. Harvey P. Walter made a verbal report upon the work at Ponce. The Bishop enlarged upon this report and on the interesting work being done there.

The Bishop then read a report from Miss Cuddy, teacher of the school in Ponce. (See Appendix III.) Mrs. Walter added some very interesting details about the work at Ponce.

The Rev. David W. Bland read a report from Señorita Martinez, teacher of the school at Mayagüez. (See Appendix III.)

The Rev. Mr. Bland also made a very full verbal report upon the work at Mayagüez.

The Rev. Frederick A. Warden made a verbal report upon the work at San Juan.

Deaconess Weidensee read a report upon her work at San Juan and at Puerta de Tierra. (See Appendix III.)

Mr. Courtney C. Nairn made a verbal report on the work in general in the island.

Mr. Henry W. Dooley made a verbal report on the nature of the work in San Juan and upon the difficulties of the work when the local conditions are so unknown to the Board of Missions in the United States. The Bishop also made some remarks endorsing Mr. Dooley's idea.

The Rev. Charles E. Snavely made a verbal report upon

the work at Puerta de Tierra, Aguas Buenas, Santurce, and the Leper Colony.

Mr. Ernesto Rivera made a fuller verbal report upon the work in Santurce.

The Bishop told the Convocation about the Porto Rican workers, both present and prospective.

The Rev. Leonard Read read a report from Miss Davidson, the Parish Helper at Vieques. (See Appendix III.) He also read a report upon his own work at Vieques. (See Appendix III.)

Upon the suggestion of the President, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary write a letter to the Rev. Joseph N. Bean, expressing the regret of the Convocation at the news of his impaired health and conveying to him its sympathy.

The Committee on Special Missionary Bishops reported:

Your committee, appointed to consider the proposed canon for the creation of special missionary bishops, begs to report that in its opinion the passage of a canon authorizing the consecration of special racial missionary bishops is unadvisable. We consider that the plan suggested in the proposed canon for the more effective reaching of people of another race is unwise as giving rise to the very grave danger of schism. It seems to us that the present organization of the Church, with the aids at its command is sufficient to do this work effectively; and as there is no canon prohibiting the consecration of racial bishops, the proposed canon appears to us unnecessary.

As, however, some closer touch between these other races and the Episcopate is essential, we would urge that the use of racial archdeacons be greatly extended.

Upon motion by the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

The Finance Committee begged to be allowed to postpone till next year its report on the expenses of delegates to the General Convention, which was granted by the Convocation.

Upon motion by the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

Resolved, That the order of business No. 21, appointed for 2.30 o'clock, be made the order of business at once—11.30 a. m.

Upon motion by the Secretary, it was

Resolved, That the number of JOURNALS to be published be referred to the Secretary in conjunction with the Bishop.

Upon motion by the same:

Resolved, That the time and place of meeting of the next Convocation be left to the discretion of the Bishop.

Upon motion by the same:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the rector, wardens and vestry of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, for the courtesies and hospitality extended to the members of the Convocation.

The Rev. Harvey P. Walter expressed a great desire for the extension of the work in Porto Rico, and made the suggestion that an Archdeacon might be created for the assistance of the Bishop. There was some discussion, and a resolution was offered by Mr. Henry W. Dooley as follows:

WHEREAS, There are a large number of communicants of the Church, scattered throughout the island, who are not served by any priests at present, owing to the distance and inconvenience of travelling; and

WHEREAS, There are many splendid opportunities for new missions to be started and organized; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to appropriate sufficient funds to maintain two general missionaries in the island during the coming year; or at least one at present and the other as soon as the funds are available.

Upon motion by the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convocation that the General Convention be memorialized to grant the permissive use of either the Revised or the American Revised Version of the Holy Scriptures.

Upon motion by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, it was

Resolved, That after the reading of the minutes and action on them, and Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourn without day.

The minutes were then read and approved, and, after Prayer and Benediction by the President, the Convocation adjourned without day.

JAMES H. VAN BUREN,
Bishop of Porto Rico.

Attest:
GEORGE L. NELSON,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS

AT THE THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO, SAN JUAN, JUNE 18, 1907.

BY THE RIGHT REVEREND JAMES H. VAN BUREN, D.D.

We are met to-day, dear brethren, in annual convocation, not merely for the transaction of routine business, but for the increase of strength and courage for the work which lies before us. We are not merely to take account of the things done during the past year, nor yet to take counsel alone for the ways in which we can best do the work in the next year.

We shall indeed be occupied in the transaction of the regular business of the Convocation, but we shall have missed the higher purposes of our meeting if each one of us does not carry away from the Convocation a new vision of his or her personal responsibility, and of the importance of the contribution each one is commissioned to make toward the glorious manifestation of Christ and His Church, and of the Christian life, in the community where we live.

Let us fix our thoughts on these purposes; and, keeping them steadily in mind, we shall find new inspiration as we take counsel of one another touching the details of our service.

We shall do well to remind ourselves first of all, that no conception of Christ and His Church, however glorious, will take deep and abiding hold upon the hearts of the people among whom we live and work, unless that conception be commended to their admiration and imitation by the fruits it begets in our own life and conduct. There is no eloquence of preaching, there is no splendor of ritual, there is no beauty of art or of architecture that speaks to the souls of men and women who want the real and perfect Christ, as speaks the strong, patient, helpful, unselfish life of the disciple of Christ.

And, on the other hand, there is no Christian life and char-

acter that is to be depended on for such constant witness-bearing unless its springs and motives be renewed and fed from Christ the source, through constant communion with Him in the holy ways of His blessed Church, which is the fulness of Him that filleth all.

Our position is a peculiar one, both in its privilege and in its difficulty. We are to manifest as the representatives of Christ a better and truer conception of Him than this island has ever known before. We bring no humanly-woven theory, we offer no Christ-obscuring devices, but Christ Himself. Not less truly is it spoken of all because it is spoken of the ministers, "We beseech you in Christ's stead, as though Christ did beseech you by us."

And this manifestation of the clear, unmistakable personality of Christ we bring to a people who have for centuries been taught to regard the human Mother of Christ as having a more loving, tender heart than He. Christ and Him crucified we have to preach and manifest to a people who have had the great truth obscured, that "He is the one Mediator and propitiation for our sins."

And while we sometimes find ourselves oppressed by the weight of this so great responsibility, let us find inspiration in the thought of our privilege. Let us remember that whether we regard it as a privilege or as a responsibility, its importance cannot be overestimated. On us, dear brethren, in our several places and degrees, is this great gift bestowed that we should make known first of all the unsearchable riches of Christ, of Christ the one Mediator between God and man; of Christ the one and only Redeemer; of Christ who claims not a part of mankind but all mankind as His own, and says, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." Let this deepen in us our sense of the dignity and honor and importance of our work; let it also inspire us to new and better ways of so carrying ourselves that men shall take knowledge of us that we have been with Him, that we live close to Him, that we are animated by Him, and that we are indeed His soldiers, His servants, His hands for serving mankind, His feet for walking the way of life. Here again it must be our warning

and our inspiration to remember that the Christian life and character are the one convincing and unanswerable argument.

And as it is with that full, complete and well-rounded conception of Christ whose features we are to present in all their attractiveness and beauty, without excess or imperfection, so is it with the Church of Christ. That also we bring to the people of this island, in all its purity, grace and power. Lacking nothing in its historic character; tracing its continuity from Pentecost; simple yet entire in its sacramental ordering; the heir of all the Christian ages, yet alive to the needs of the day;—oh, what a privilege and responsibility is given into our hands! that we should be entrusted with the duty of revealing to the people among whom our lot is cast, that Church, of which the Divine Founder said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Let us beware of any narrowing of our conception of God's Church. Let us remember that we are commissioned to bring men and women and children into the membership of the great body of the faithful, the Holy Catholic Church of the creed, the heavenly Jerusalem and Church of the first-born, the goodly company of the baptized. And forasmuch as we live in a community where a misconception of the Apostolic Church has for centuries prevailed, let us count it our privilege and our responsibility to so disclose and reveal to men the truth concerning their heavenly Father's home on earth and in heaven that they will see their heritage and enter into it in all its fulness of blessing and of duty.

In pointing out how we may best commend to men the one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, I am sure you will not misunderstand me when I say that no argument can possibly compare with the spiritual life and loving service of the members and ministers of the Church, as a means of commending to them the fulness of their inheritance. No power of preaching can equal the power and persuasiveness of the witness-bearing Christian life. No dignity of public worship nor pomp of stateliest ceremonial can so warm the cold heart or feed the hungry soul, as the ministering hand and the tender, true and holy life of the disciple.

Nor do we bear this witness to a people who have merely received a distorted and partial idea of the truth. We must not forget that multitudes in this island have practically no conception whatever of the Christian life and Christian truth. To bring the ministrations of Christ and His Church to Porto Rico means not only to remove misconceptions, but also in large part to minister to multitudes who have had none of the privileges of the Church and who are practically without God and having no hope in the world.

From this it is clear that our mission, so far as it concerns the people of Porto Rico, is not so much to combat error as to manifest the truth. With all loyalty to that truth, "as this church hath received the same," let us seek rather to be at peace with fellow-Christians than to antagonize them, rather to cultivate kindly relations with those who differ from us in their conception of the truth whether they be Roman or Protestant in name, than to be at strife with them, when there is so much to do, so many to seek, so large a part of the land not yet obedient to the Lord and Maker of us all.

The difficulty of bringing our message to those who do not understand our language, and whose language we ourselves at best so imperfectly speak, suggests the need of our training up a native ministry. Here and there young men offer themselves for service, and it has been a subject of no little thought and study, on the part of your Bishop, how to avail ourselves of such native helpers, how to train and educate them for effecitve work and for Holy Orders. To send them to the States for a college and seminary course involves not only a heavy expense in money, but a previous training in English. It seems as though we can only meet the difficulty by establishing a Theological School, working, in a larger way, along lines similar to those pursued by the Rev. Mr. Snavely, who has had under training during the past year two young men who have been of great help to him at Puerta de Tierra, and are now of still greater efficiency there and at Aguas Buenas. The Rev. Mr. Read reports another young man who is looking toward our ministry, and whom both he and I have encouraged to persevere, although, as I have said, the

way is not clear to carrying forward his education. The Rev. Mr. Bland reports still another, and surely it will not be wise in us to turn away material of this kind, which may be made serviceable, if by any means we can employ them and train them to carry to their own people the gospel of our blessed Lord.

During the past winter it has been a part of my work to bring to publication a Spanish Hymnal, the material for which was prepared by my wife and myself nearly three years ago. We had laid aside the work for lack of funds necessary to publish it; but now, by the generous gift of $1,200 from a gentleman in Philadelphia, the book is published in two editions, one with music and the other with words only.

In this hymnal will be found 203 hymns, mostly taken from the book published by the American Tract Society, but with the best tunes now in use in our Church; the *Amens* have been added, and all the chants pointed for singing and set to music. The hymns are also arranged in the order of the Christian Year after the manner of our American Hymnal.

Work has been begun on the erection of the new church building for St. Luke's Parish, at Puerta de Tierra, on a lot which has been bought and paid for. It is my belief that with the accommodations which this building will afford, the fine work which Mr. Snavely and his fellow-workers have been doing there, will pass on to greater and greater efficiency.

At Mayagüez a church building is needed, and it is my hope that no very long time will elapse before the really wonderful mission of St. Andrew's which Mr. Bland and his corps of helpers have been administering, will have the buildings they so sorely need.

At Vieques, Rev. Mr. Read, Miss Davidson and a devoted Parish have found ways of developing the Church's life beyond our best expectations, and to this result the new Parish House has been of great assistance. We hear, with regret, of the illness of the Rev. Mr. Bean at Vieques and unite in praying for his welfare.

At Aguas Buenas a new mission, called the Church of the Advent, has opened with abundant promise under Mr. Snave-

ly's fostering care; and at this point Mr. Cuellar, a young Porto Rican, is rendering excellent service, Mr. Bowser, Mr. Dana and other laymen and women having taken up the work with a loyalty and earnestness that call for our heartiest praise.

Here in San Juan the Church of St. John the Baptist has a record of faithful service that may well be placed as the beginnings of a goodly history. And while we parted reluctantly with Rev. Mr. Mitchell, we have rejoiced in the coming of the present rector, Rev. Mr. Warden, who brings to the service a deep and earnest devotion that ought to carry forward the Parish to greater and greater usefulness.

Here also Miss Weidensee, our Deaconess, and Miss Romañat have kept the school work at an excellent degree of effectiveness, besides the special work for which, as a Deaconess, Miss Weidensee has special gifts and training.

At La Carmelita we have been compelled to suspend work because there was no one who could be appointed there, although the Board of Missions appropriated $1,200 for the stipend if a missionary could be found who could minister in the Spanish language. We are holding several acres of land there on a ninety-nine years' lease, and it is my hope that the suspended activity at La Carmelita will not be a permanent condition.

At Ponce, most excellent work under the Rev. Mr. Walter is going on amid conditions that are in some ways very discouraging. It is all the more to be thankful for that he and his wife and Miss Cuddy, who has now completed five years of teaching in Porto Rico, have done so well and reached results so surprising and satisfactory. In Ponce, the Memorial Hospital of St. Luke the Beloved Physician has been built during the past year at a cost of some $17,000, contributed by friends in the States and in Porto Rico, and is now nearly ready to begin its gracious work.

While it is hoped that the Hospital will eventually become self-supporting to a great extent, it may be proper to say that the Board of Missions has appropriated for the first year $1,000 toward its support, a friend has pledged another $1,200,

and not only intends to contribute the same amount each year during her lifetime, but also has provided in her will a legacy of $50,000, the income to be used for the maintenance of the Hospital after her death.

It will be remembered that we drew up a Constitution and Canons for the Missionary District of Porto Rico at the meeting of the Convocation two years ago. By the General Canons of the Church it is necessary that the House of Bishops authorize this Constitution and these Canons before they can become operative. As there is every reason to believe this will be done at the time of the General Convention in the coming October at Richmond, Va., it is probable that the time is not far distant when we shall have our own laws and not be dependent, as we are at present, upon the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of West Virginia, which we adopted as provided and required by the General Canons.

At the General Convention, as you are aware, the Missionary Thank-Offering of the men of the Church will be made,—a thank-offering for three hundred years of American Christianity.

It is the aim of those who have the charge of this matter to have the amount of one million and three-quarters raised by the men of the Church for Missions, as their thank-offering. Should this be done, the benefit derived by the Church's Missions in all parts of the world would indeed be great. But great as that advantage would be, it is not to be compared with the good it would do to the Church itself as a revelation of the great, unselfish heart of the Church; as a recognition of God who gives men the power to get wealth; as a denial that money for itself alone is man's highest motive; and as a witness to the world that Christian men care more for the extension of God's kingdom on earth than they do for the treasure they can dig out of the earth!

This Missionary District is entitled to send one clerical and one lay delegate to the General Convention, and those delegates are to be elected by this Convocation. It is customary for conventions in the Dioceses to provide for the expenses of those attending the General Convention by appropriating for that purpose. It should be the custom of the con-

vocation in missionary districts to do the same. The traveling expenses of the Missionary Bishops to and from the General Convention are paid by the Board of Missions, but it is for you to consider whether you will devise some way by which your clerical and lay deputy may be similarly relieved of personal expense for their journey, entertainment and return.

During the months of April and May of this year it was my privilege to administer confirmation for the Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, who was ill from overwork. Through the willingness of the clergy of that Diocese to accept the services of a substitute I confirmed twenty-two classes, with a total of 426 persons. It was a source of great satisfaction that the Bishop was able to resume and carry forward the remainder of his work for the year.

In this connection it may not be amiss to say that I do not think the Church realizes what an enormous amount of toil it exacts from its Diocesan Bishops. If one will consider the demands of a great Diocese upon the time and strength of its Bishop, the unceasing correspondence, the personal interviews, the numberless committees, the travel, the absence of home life, the parochial visitations and all the numberless details of administration that come upon him, it will be realized how little energy and how little time are left for that consecutive study and meditation which should bear fruit in the intellectual Christian leadership which the Church has a right to expect from its Bishops.

In the life of a Missionary Bishop the burden of administration is not so heavy, nor is it the same as in the case of a Diocesan. But there is given to the Missionary Bishop the choice between seeing his work crippled or stopped for lack of money; or, on the other hand, of going from parish to parish in person to plead for the funds for planting the Church in new fields.

Should the men's thank-offering result in relieving Missionary Bishops of this necessity, and should it result further in stimulating the giving power to a point where such relief will be permanent, then possibly we may find a way for Missionary Bishops to preach missionary sermons unhampered by any thought of the collection that is to follow; but more im-

portant still than that, we may find our Missionary Bishops able to stay by their work more uninterruptedly; and, certainly not less important, we may find them more often able to share the burdens of overworked Diocesan Bishops by such aid as in this instance it was my great pleasure and privilege to render.

The Church of our love is not a hard taskmaster, but one thing is certain, the Church will never secure the highest type of Christian service and leadership from its Bishops so long as, from thoughtlessness, it requires them to "leave the Word of God and serve tables." In the hands of many of the sons and daughters of the Church, God has placed wealth, abundant wealth for the efficient administration of the Church. Let that wealth once be consecrated by the thought that it is a trust received from God to be used wisely and faithfully for Him, and give to the Bishops freedom to lead God's hosts to victory, and we shall see clergy and people gladly following, to measures of benediction in fields that are new and unoccupied; and in places where hosannas languish, they shall break forth into singing and renew their youth.

Such consecration must follow upon any adequate conception of the meaning, purpose and nature of God's holy, Catholic Church, the home of His redeemed, the manifestation of the kingdom of heaven. Such consecration can only come when men cast away small, narrow conceptions of the Church, and realize its magnificent inclusiveness as the one great family of the children of God, "the blessed company of all faithful people!" Such enlargement of the spiritual vision can only come by living nearer to Him who says, "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

During the Convocation year ending May 1, I have confirmed 34 persons, as follows:

July	1.	At Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan.....	4
August	26.	" St. Andrew's, Mayagüez	14
September	6.	" All Saints', Vieques	4
	23.	" St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra	8
February	17.	" Holy Trinity, Ponce	4
		Total	34

Since that time, during the months of April and M in the Diocese of Newark, and at the request of the Bishop that Diocese, I have confirmed 426 persons, as follows:

April	1.	At St. Alban's Church, Newark, N. J. .....
	3.	" Christ Church, Short Hills, N. J. .....
	4.	" St. Luke's, Paterson, N. J. .....
	5.	" St. George's, Maplewood, N. J. .....
	7.	" All Saints', Leonia, N. J. .....
	7.	" Holy Communion, Paterson, N. J. .....
	10.	" Christ Church, Newton, N. J. .....
	11.	" Grace Church, Union Hill, N. J. .....
	12.	" St. John's, Bergenfield, N. J. .....
	14.	" St. Stephen's, Newark, N. J. .....
	21.	" St. Andrew's, South Orange, N. J. .....
	21.	" St. Paul's, Newark, N. J. .....
	23.	" St. George's, Passaic, N. J. .....
	24.	" St. George's, Newark, N. J. .....
	25.	" Grace, Jersey City, N. J. .....
	28.	" St. Paul's, Englewood, N. J. .....
	28.	" St. Agnes', Jersey City, N. J. .....
	30.	" St. James', Ridgefield, N. J. .....
May	5.	" Holy Trinity, West Orange, N. J. .....
	7.	" St. Mary's, Ridgefield Park, N. J. .....
	9.	" Ascension, Jersey City, N. J. .....
	12.	" Grace, Madison, N. J. .....
		Total 4

During the year I have also

Baptized	2
Buried	1

May 8, 1906, I received the Rev. Harvey P. Walter, l Letter Dimissory from the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania.

May 18, 1906, I received the Rev. Charles Edwin Snavel by Letter Dimissory from the Bishop of Pittsburg.

March 7, 1907, I received the Rev. Frederick Alexand Warden, by Letter Dimissory from the Bishop of Harrisbur

We have extended a hearty welcome to these new mer bers of our Mission staff.

September 16, 1906, I issued a Letter Dimissory, cor mending the Rev. Walter Mitchell to the Bishop of Southe Virginia.

May 16, 1907, I issued a Letter Dimissory, commending the Rev. William Watson to the Bishop of Mexico.

Our prayers and best wishes go with both these brethren.

February 21, 1907, I appointed the Rev. Charles E. Snavely as a member of the Council of Advice, in place of the Rev. Walter Mitchell, removed from the district.

March 7, 1907, I appointed the Rev. F. A. Warden as Registrar for the unexpired term of the Rev. Walter Mitchell.

May 18, 1906, I renewed lay reader's license, on application of Mr. Courtney C. Nairn, of San Juan.

August 27, 1906, I issued a lay reader's license, on application of Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, of Mayagüez.

It is known to most of the members of the Convocation that the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary for this district, Mrs. Van Buren, has been ill for the past two years, and unable to perform the duties of her office. But forasmuch as she would have felt it a needless affliction to resign, it has seemed best to spare her that additional burden; and now she hopes to resume her duties by the coming January. She is looking forward with great pleasure to the privilege of placing on the altar at the General Convention in Richmond the united offering of the Woman's Auxiliary of this Missionary District. She wishes to thank the Convocation for the kind and thoughtful resolutions of sympathy adopted a year ago; she appreciates the generous spirit of those who have supplied her lack of service, and is deeply touched by the many loving messages which have reached her; and she desires me to say to all who inquire concerning her that she is "trying to get well as fast as she can."

By a unanimous vote passed at the last meeting of the Convocation it was resolved to ask the Board of Missions to apportion $100 for this district to give for General Missions instead of half that amount as hitherto. It gives me great satisfaction to state that you have already exceeded the $100 asked for his year, and I thank you on behalf of the Board of Missions for this response.

Appended to this address will be printed in the JOURNAL the record of my official acts, and it is not necessary at the present time to make extended reference to them. I desire, however, to say, in that connection, that if we have advanced in strength and efficiency during the year, much of the credit is due to you and those faithful fellow-workers whom you represent. And if at times it seems as though our work were small and insignificant let us remember that it is better to do diligently a little than to undertake more than we are well able to perform.

I would be glad if the Convocation could devise some way of meeting the expense of publishing the JOURNAL, as thus far it has been quite a serious charge upon the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

It is the desire of the Board of Missions that all property of the church, title to which is vested in the Board of Missions, shall be kept fully insured and in good repair. As a rule, I believe these matters are receiving adequate attention.

And now, dear brethren, commending you to God, and the Word of His grace, who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, and with deepest gratitude to you and to all in the home land who have helped to make the success of the years that are past, and with good hope for the time to come, I bid you remember and adopt as your own the saying of our blessed Lord, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh wherein no man can work."

EPISCOPAL ACTS.

1906.

May 8. Ponce, Holy Trinity Church, Second Annual Convocation. Received Rev. Harvey P. Walter by Letter Dimissory from Central Pennsylvania.

May 13. *Fourth Sunday after Easter.* At sea, *en route* for San Juan.

May 14. At Vieques.

May 18. San Juan. Received Rev. Charles E. Snavely by Letter Dimissory from Pittsburg. Evening, Puerta de Tierra, officiated and preached in Spanish at St. Luke's Church.

May 20, *Fifth Sunday after Easter.* San Juan. A. M., Church of St. John the Baptist, celebrated Holy Communion in Spanish. Later, same in English. Evening, same, officiated in Spanish.

May 24, *Ascension Day.* San Juan. A. M., Church of St. John the Baptist, attended Holy Communion.

May 27, *Sunday after Ascension.* Candelaria. Held a mission service and preached.

June 3, *Whitsun-Day.* Puerta de Tierra. A. M. and P. M., participated in services at St. Luke's Church. Had visitation of the sick at Tuberculosis Hospital, San Juan.

June 6. San Juan. Visited Leper Colony and held service in Spanish.

June 10, *Trinity Sunday.* San Juan. A. M. and P. M., Church of St. John the Baptist, officiated, baptized one. Afternoon, visited the sick at Tuberculosis Hospital. A. M., celebrated Holy Communion, Church of St. John the Baptist, in Spanish.

June 11, *St. Barnabas' Day.* San Juan. Same, received Holy Communion.

June 15. San Juan, Parish School. Made address in Spanish at closing exercises.

June 17, *First Sunday after Trinity.* Ponce. A. M., Holy Trinity Church. A. M., preached; P. M., officiated.

June 24, *Second Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. Spent Fourth Anniversary of my consecration, Nativity of St. John the Baptist, in quiet at Episcopal residence; evening, officiated and preached at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra.

June 28. Same church. Evening, made address of presentation of gifts to Rev. Walter Mitchell and wife.

July 1, *Third Sunday after Trinity.* A. M., same church, officiated. Later, San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist, confirmed four, made address, celebrated Holy Communion.

July 8. *Fourth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. A. M., Church of St. John the Baptist, Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and sermon. Evening, Spanish service and sermon.

July 15, *Fifth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. Same as last Sunday.

July 22, *Sixth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. Same as last Sunday.

July 24. Evening, San Juan, Naval Station, officiated, addressed marines.

July 25, *St. James' Day.* A. M. San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist, Holy Communion in Spanish.

July 29, *Seventh Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist. A. M., Holy Communion in Spanish. Later, Morning Prayer and sermon in English. Evening, service and address in Spanish.

August 5. *Eighth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. Same as last Sunday, with celebration of Holy Communion, also, in English.

August 6, *The Transfiguration.* San Juan. Same. A. M., Holy Communion in Spanish.

August 10. San Juan. Same, Choral Litany in Spanish.

August 12, *Ninth Sunday after Trinity.* Same. A. M., Holy Communion in Spanish; later, took part in Morning Prayer. Evening, Spanish service and address.

August 17. Same, Choral Litany in Spanish.

August 19, *Tenth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. Same, conducted Evening Prayer and made address in Spanish.

August 24, *St. Bartholomew's Day.* Same, Spanish choral Litany.

August 26, *Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.* Mayagüez, St. Andrew's Mission. A. M., Morning Prayer and Holy Communion in Spanish; preached and received 4 persons on confession of faith. Evening, preached and confirmed 14 in Spanish.

August 27. Same, issued lay reader's license to Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, of Mayagüez.

August 28. Ponce. Evening, Parish House, addressed Woman's Guild in Spanish.

August 31. Ponce, Church of Holy Trinity. Evening, address.

September 2, *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.* At sea, *en route* for Vieques.

September 5. Vieques, All Saints' Church. Evening, made address.

September 6. Same. Evening, sermon and confirmation of 4 persons.

September 7. Same, evening, address in Spanish.

September 9. *Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.* At sea, *en route* for San Juan.

September 16, *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.* A. M., Puerta de Tierra, St. Luke's Church, celebrated Holy Communion. Issued Letter Dimissory of Rev. Walter Mitchell to Southern Virginia. Evening, San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist, Spanish service and address.

September 21. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Charles Scadding to be Bishop of Oregon.

September 23, *Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.* A. M., Puerta de Tierra, St. Luke's Church, celebrated Holy Communion. Later, San Juan, took part in Morning Prayer. Afternoon, St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, service and sermon. Evening, same, Spanish service; confirmed 8, received one on confession of faith.

September 27. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Beverly D. Tucker, D.D., to be Bishop Coadjutor of Southern Virginia.

September 30, *Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist. A. M., received Holy Communion. Later, officiated and preached. Evening, same, service and address in Spanish.

October 7, *Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.* At sea, *en route* for New York. Evening, short service and address on shipboard.

October 10. Philadelphia. Evening, made address, Church of the Holy Apostles.

October 14, *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.* A. M., Germantown, Pa., address at Calvary Church. Afternoon, Philadelphia, Holy Trinity Church, address. Evening, same, Church of the Holy Apostles, address.

October 15. A. M., Philadelphia, addressed Clerical Brotherhood at Church House.

October 18. Afternoon, Philadelphia, addressed Convocation.

October 21, *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Baltimore. A. M., address at Trinity Church (Towson). Afternoon, address at Mt. Calvary Church. Evening, address at Emmanuel Church.

October 22. Baltimore. Afternoon, addressed Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Church.

October 24. Evening, address at Church of St. Michael and All Angels', Baltimore.

October 28, *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.* Philadelphia. A. M., address at St. Paul's Church (Elkin's Park). Afternoon, address at St. Martin's Church (Wissahickon). Evening, address at St. Matthias' Church.

October 30. Philadelphia. Addressed students at Divinity School.

November 1, *All Saints' Day.* Lynn, Mass. Evening, St. Stephen's Church, participated in Evening Prayer and addressed Girls' Friendly Society.

November 2. Same. Celebrated Holy Communion. Evening, attended anniversary service and made address.

November 4, *Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.* A. M., Longwood, Mass., Church of Our Saviour, addressed Sunday School. Later, participated in Holy Communion and made address. Afternoon, at Emmanuel Church, Boston, address. Evening, at St. Thomas' Church, Somerville, made address.

November 6. Boston, Mass. Addressed meeting of clergy. Afternoon, at Winchester, Mass., addressed Woman's Auxiliary.

November 11, *Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.* Watertown, N. Y., at Trinity Church. A. M., made address and took part in service. Afternoon, same, addressed Sunday School. Evening, same, preached.

November 13. New York. A. M., attended meeting of Committee of Board of Missions. Later, addressed Diocesan Branch Woman's Auxiliary. Had interview with Miss Knapp at St. Faith's House.

November 15. Baltimore, Md. Evening, addressed Churchmen's Club.

November 18, *Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.* Philadelphia. A. M., St. Andrew's Sunday School, address. Later, addressed the congregation. Evening, St. Philip's Church, address.

November 19. Philadelphia. Evening, pronounced benediction at Choir Festival, Church of the Saviour.

November 20. New York. A. M., addressed Woman's Guild, St. Thomas' Church.

November 21. New York. Evening, addressed Churchmen's Club.

November 25, *Sunday next before Advent.* New York. A. M., address at St. Michael's Church. Evening, address at Zion and St. Timothy's Church.

November 26. New York. A. M., addressed Woman's Auxiliary, Church of the Heavenly Rest. Later, addressed Church Periodical Club. Afternoon, Brooklyn, addressed Junior Clericus.

November 28. Baltimore, Md. Addressed Diocesan Branch, Woman's Auxiliary.

November 29, *Thanksgiving Day.* Baltimore, Md. Celebrated Holy Communion, and preached at Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

December 2, *First Sunday in Advent.* A. M., preached at Christ Church, Bloomfield, N. J. Afternoon, addressed Sunday-school Rally at St. Mark's Church, Orange, N. J.

December 3. Philadelphia. A. M., addressed Clerical Missionary Association.

December 9, *Second Sunday in Advent.* A. M,, at Camden, N. J., St. Paul's Church, address. Afternoon, Philadelphia, at Church of the Saviour, made three addresses to different departments of Sunday School. Evening, preached, at Church of the Nativity, Philadelphia.

December 11. New York. Attended meetings of the Board of Missions.

December 12. Same. Addressed Woman's Auxiliary of St. James' Church.

December 13. Middletown, Conn. P. M., addressed students of Berkeley Divinity School.

December 16, *Third Sunday in Advent. Philadelphia.* A. M., preached at St. Clement's Church. Evening, Wilmington, Del., address, Trinity Church.

December 19. Philadelphia, St. Clement's Church. Addressed Woman's Auxiliary.

December 23, *Fourth Sunday in Advent.* Easton, Pa., in Trinity Church, preached A. M. and evening.

December 25, *Christmas Day.* Same, celebrated Holy Communion.

December 30, *Sunday after Christmas.* Newburyport, Mass., St. Paul's Church, A. M. and evening, preached. Afternoon, at Christ Church, address.

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January 1, *Circumcision.* New Haven, Conn. Received Holy Communion, at St. Paul's Church.

January 3. Philadelphia. Afternoon, addressed a Bible class.

January 4. Clarkesburg, W. Va. Evening, Christ Church, address.

January 6, *Epiphany*. Parkersburg, W. Va. A. M., preached at Trinity Church. Afternoon, Williamstown, Christ Church, address. Evening, Parkersburg, Church of the Good Shepherd, address.

January 12. Washington, D. C. Called on the President.

January 13, *First Sunday after the Epiphany*. Washington. A. M., preached at St. Thomas' Church. Afternoon, addressed Sunday School at Church of the Epiphany. Evening, St. Mark's Church, address.

January 20, *Second Sunday after Epiphany*. Brooklyn, N. Y. A. M., St. Mary's Church, preached. Afternoon, addressed Sunday-school Rally at Church of the Messiah.

January 21. New York. A. M., at Grace Church, addressed Woman's Auxiliary. Afternoon, addressed Girls' Guild of St. James' Church.

January 26. Minneapolis, Minn. Evening, met clergy at a reception.

January 27, *Septuagesima*. Same. A. M., addressed Sunday School of St. Paul's Church. Later, preached to the congregation. Afternoon, addressed Sunday-school Rally at St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral. Evening, at St. Paul, Minn., preached in church at Merriam Park.

February 3, *Sexagesima*. At sea, *en route* for Porto Rico.

February 10, *Quinquagesima*. San Juan. A. M., Spanish Sunday-School, service and address at Church of St. John the Baptist. Later, same, Morning Prayer and sermon. Afternoon, preached at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra. Evening, same, preached in Spanish.

February 11. Visited schools of St. Luke's and St. John's Churches. Afternoon, officiated at a burial.

February 13, *Ash-Wednesday*. Ponce, Holy Trinity Church. A. M., received Holy Communion. Evening, same, preached. Afternoon, meeting of local committee on St. Luke's Hospital.

February 14. Mayagüez. Visited St. Andrew's Mission.

February 17, *First Sunday in Lent*. Ponce, Holy Trinity Church. A. M., addressed Sunday School. Later, preached. Evening, participated in Evening Prayer, confirmed 4 and received 2 persons from Roman Church.

February 18. Visited Parish School, Ponce.

February 21. Appointed Rev. Charles E. Snavely a member of the Council of Advice.

February 24, *Second Sunday in Lent*. San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist. A. M., Spanish Sunday School. Later, Morning Prayer and sermon; Holy Communion. Evening, Spanish service and address.

February 25. Same. Lent. Evening Prayer.

February 26. Same. Lent. Evening Prayer.

February 27. Candelaria. Visited families. Afternoon, at Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, Litany and address.
February 28. San Juan. Afternoon, Evening Prayer. Lent.
March 1. San Juan. Afternoon, Litany and address.
March 3, *Third Sunday in Lent.* Same. A. M., Holy Communion and Sunday School in Spanish. Later, Morning Prayer, sermon and Holy Communion. Evening, service and sermon in Spanish.
March 4. Same. Lent. Evening Prayer.
March 6. Same. Litany and address. Evening, at Naval Station, service and address.
March 7. Received Rev. Frederick A. Warden, by Letter Dimissory from Harrisburg, to be rector of Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan. Afternoon, at that church, Evening Prayer. Evening, at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, Evening Prayer and address. Appointed Rev. F. A. Warden as Registrar.
March 10, *Fourth Sunday in Lent.* A. M., Exploring on Comerio Road. Evening, San Juan, Spanish service and address.
March 11. San Juan. Took service, Evening Prayer, for the Rector.
March 12. Mayagüez. Visited Mission School of St. Andrew's.
March 13. Ponce. Evening, preached at Holy Trinity Church.
March 14. Same. Visited Parish School; inspected hospital buildings.
March 15. Same. Presided at meeting of the Hospital Committee.
March 17, *Fifth Sunday in Lent.* Mayagüez. A. M., participated in service and made address at St. Andrew's Mission. Evening, Ponce, Holy Trinity Church, participated in Evening Prayer.
March 20. Ponce. Holy Trinity Church. Evening, service and address.
March 21. Ponce. Secularized and removed consecration of burial ground at La Carmelita. Evening, presided at meeting of Hospital Committee.
March 24, *Palm Sunday.* San Juan. A. M., celebrated Holy Communion in Spanish, at Church of St. John the Baptist. Later, took part in Morning Prayer. Evening, same, Spanish service and address.
March 26. Sailed for New York. Holy Week on the sea.
March 29, *Good Friday.* Held service and preached on board the steamer "Coamo."
March 31, *Easter Day.* A. M., New York, Zion and St. Timothy's Church, celebrated Holy Communion.
April 1, *Easter Monday.* Newark, N. J. Evening, St. Alban's Church, preached, and confirmed 19.
April 3. Newark. A. M., at Chapel of Trinity Church, addressed the Diocesan Branch Woman's Auxiliary. Evening, Christ Church, Short Hills, preached, and confirmed 7.
April 4. Paterson, N. J. Evening, St. Luke's Church, preached, and confirmed 13.

April 5. Maplewood, N. J. Evening, St. George's Church, preached, and confirmed 7.

April 7, *First Sunday after Easter.* A. M., Leonia, N. J. All Saints' Church, preached, and confirmed 10. Evening, Paterson, N. J., Church of the Holy Communion, preached, and confirmed 22.

April 9. New York. Attended meetings of Board of Missions.

April 10. Afternoon, at Orange, N J., addressed meeting of ministers. Evening, at Newton, N. J., Christ Church, preached, and confirmed 11.

April 11. Union Hill, N. J. Evening, Grace Church, preached, and confirmed 17.

April 12. Bergenfield, N. J. Evening, dedicated St. John's Chapel, preached, and confirmed 3.

April 14, *Second Sunday after Easter.* A. M., Tenafly, N. J., at the Church of the Atonement, participated in service and preached. Evening, at Newark, N. J., St. Stephen's Church, preached, and confirmed 15.

April 21, *Third Sunday after Easter.* A. M., at South Orange, N. J., St. Andrew's Church, preached, celebrated Holy Communion and confirmed 11. Evening, Newark, N. J., St. Paul's Church, preached, and confirmed 86.

April 23. Passaic, N. J. Evening, St. George's Church, preached, and confirmed 22.

April 24. Newark, N. J. (Vailsburg). At St. George's Church, preached, and confirmed 6.

April 25, *St. Mark's Day.* A. M., Newark, N. J., at Trinity Church, received Holy Communion. Evening, Greenville, Jersey City, at Grace Church, preached, and confirmed 18.

April 28, *Fourth Sunday after Easter.* A. M., Englewood, N. J., St. Paul's Church, preached, and confirmed 35. Evening, Jersey City, St. Agnes' Church, preached, and confirmed 7.

April 29. New Haven, Conn., St. Paul's Church. Took part in burial service.

April 30. Ridgefield, N. J., at St. James' Church, preached, and confirmed 22.

May 1, *St. Philip and St. James' Day.* New York. A. M., addressed Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Ascension.

May 5, *Fifth Sunday after Easter.* A. M., Englewood, N. J., St. Paul's Church, preached and celebrated Holy Communion. Evening, West Orange, N. J., Holy Trinity Church, preached, and confirmed 34.

May 7. Evening, Ridgefield Park, N. J., Church of St. Mary the Virgin, preached, and confirmed 10.

May 8. Wappinger's Falls, N. Y., Zion Church. Addressed united meeting of Archdeaconry and Woman's Auxiliary.

May 9, *Ascension Day.* Evening, Jersey City, N. J., Church of the Ascension, preached, and confirmed 43.

May 12, *Sunday after Ascension.* A. M., Newark, N. J., Christ Church, officiated and preached. Afternoon, Madison, N. J., Grace Church, preached, and confirmed 8.

May 14. Attended meeting of Board of Missions in New York.

May 15. Cincinnati, Ohio. Evening, addressed missionary meeting of the Diocesan Convention.

May 16. Issued a Letter Dimissory, commending the Rev. William Watson to the Bishop of Mexico.

May 16. Cincinnati, Ohio. Address at dinner of Convention.

May 19, *Whitsun-Day.* Cincinnati, Ohio. A. M., preached at Church of Our Saviour. Afternoon, preached at Church of the Advent. Evening, preached at Christ Church.

May 23. Indianapolis, Ind. A. M., attended Ordination at St. Paul's Church. Afternoon, attended Woman's Auxiliary. Evening, addressed Diocesan Council.

May 26. *Trinity Sunday.* Philadelphia, Pa. A. M., Church of the Saviour, preached and celebrated Holy Communion. Had an interview with Miss Le Compte, deaconess, with reference to work in Porto Rico.

June 2, *First Sunday after Trinity.* At sea, *en route* for Porto Rico.

June 9, *Second Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. A. M., celebrated Holy Communion in Spanish. Later, officiated and preached, St. John's Church. Evening, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, preached, and received 1 person.

June 11, *St. Barnabas' Day.* A. M., San Juan, received Holy Communion, St. John's Church.

June 14, *Friday.* Ponce. A. M., visited Parish School of Holy Trinity Church. Evening, meeting of Hospital Committee.

June 16, *Third Sunday after Trinity.* Ponce, Holy Trinity Church. A. M., addressed Sunday School. Later, officiated and preached.

APPENDIX II.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Aguas Buenas—*Mission of the Advent.*—Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Missionary. Address, Box 1005, San Juan, P. R. Antonio Cuellar, Native Helper.

Statistics.—Individuals, 100. Baptized persons, 15. Communicants, 6. Teachers in Sunday School, 3; pupils, 40. Baptisms, infants, 10. Marriage, 1. Average attendance at services, 75. Value of Church property, $95. Number of services held, 60. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $249.32; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $166; from other sources, $83.32; contributed for other purposes, $19.85, viz., for furniture, sexton, etc. Total Parish and other contributions, $103.17.

Services are held in a public hall. Also at La Perla and other points in private houses.

Needs: (*a*) A Church. (*b*) A font. (*c*) More chairs. (*d*) A Missionary at Caguas, who, with three or four native helpers, could undertake work, also, at Juncos, Gurabo and San Lorenzo, each some five miles from Caguas, a natural mission center.

Mayagüez—*St. Andrew's Mission.*—Rev. David W. Bland, Missionary. Address, Box 131, Mayagüez, P. R.

Statistics.—Individuals, 230. Baptized persons, 178. Communicants, 32. Teachers in Sunday School, 4; pupils, 227. Teachers in Parish School, 3; pupils, 133. Baptisms, infants, 56. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 38. Burials, 9. Communicants, added by removal, 4; by confirmation, 14; lost by death, 1; by removal, 4. Average attendance at services, 60. Value of Church property, $355. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $24.95; Communion alms, $23.82; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $2,070; from other sources, $70.50; contributed for missionary purposes, $18. Total Parish and other contributions, $66.77.

Needs: (*a*) A Church building. (*b*) A second mission in the upper part of Mayagüez. (*c*) A mission at Cabo Rojo or Boqueron. (*d*) An assistant minister. (*e*) A woman helper.

Ponce—*Church of the Holy Trinity.*—Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Rector. Address, Box 322, Ponce, P. R. Wardens, Fernando Toro, Julius Umbach. Treasurer, Alexander B. Marvin. Clerk, A. S. Monefeldt.

Statistics.—Individuals, 150. Baptized persons, 149. Communi cants, 89. Teachers in Sunday School, 5; pupils, 72. Teacher in Paris School, 1; pupils, 46. Baptisms, infants, 11; adult, 1; total, 12. Con firmed, 4. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9. Communicants, added by remova 5; by confirmation, 7; lost by death, 5; by removal, 7. Average attend ance at services, 57. Value of Church property, $12,000. Contribu tions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $2,662; Communion alm: $30.89; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $2,060; from othe sources, $313.79; contributed for missionary purposes, $92; for othe purposes, $393.91, viz., for San Francisco, $5; Thanksgiving Da Offering for Memorial Hospital, $10; from Ladies' Guild, for Memori: Hospital, $100; from same, for furnishing Parish hall, $10; from M: George L. Nelson, for same purpose, $25; from other sources, for sam purpose, $15.20; towards furnishing Rectory, from a friend in the State: $100; for Clergy Relief Fund, $16; for Church Periodical Club, $2 for New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, $2; for Porto Ric Anti-Tuberculosis League, $2; for Burial Fund, $15.25; from the Bisho for paving, $46.46; from Miss S. R. Davidson for alms, $10; fror Mrs. Craig, for alms, $10; from Mrs. Walter, for poor, $25. Tot: Parish and other contributions, $516.80.

Ponce, La Carmelita—*Mission of St. Mary the Virgin.*—Wor has been suspended, owing to lack of a minister able to speak Spanis

San Juan—*Church of St. John the Baptist.*—Rev. Frederick A Warden, Rector. Address, San Juan, P. R. Wardens, Henry W Dooley, T. G. I. Waymouth. Treasurer, Henry W. Dooley. Clerk E. N. Clopper.

Statistics.—Individuals, American, 205; Porto Rican, 35. Bap tized persons, 283. Communicants, American, 94; Porto Rican, 11 Teachers in Sunday School, 4; pupils, 62. Teachers in Parish Schoo 2; pupils, 65. Baptisms, infants, 11. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 4 Burials, 8. Value of Church property, $37,500. Contributions: Paris purposes including salaries, $1,372; Communion alms, $90.43; receive from other sources, $148.32; contributed for missionary purposes, $105 for other purposes, viz., for farewell gift to Rev. Walter Mitchell, $200 Sunday School Lenten Offering, $12. Total Parish and other contribu tions, $1,779.43.

Societies: Woman's Auxiliary, Choir Guild, Brotherhood of S Andrew.

Services are maintained at the Naval Station.

Need of the work: A rectory.

NOTE.—The above report is not complete, owing to the recent dat of the present incumbent's assuming charge of the Parish.

San Juan, Puerta de Tierra—*St. Luke's Mission.*—Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Minister-in-Charge. Address, Box 1005, San Juan, P. R. Paul Reinhardt, Native Helper. Treasurer, Paul P. Keen. Clerk, Napoleon F. John.

Statistics.—Individuals, 130. Baptized persons, 100. Communicants, 50. Teachers in Sunday School, 8; pupils, 80. Teachers in Parish School, 3; pupils, 75. Baptisms, infants, 22. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 9. Burials, 15. Communicants, added by removal, 4; by confirmation, 9. Average attendance at services, 50. Services held, 488. Holy Communion, 70. Value of Church property, $2,650. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $2,223.46; Communion alms, $9.17; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $1,845; from other sources, $138.91; contributed for missionary purposes, $31.85; for other purposes, $207.70, viz., rent, electric light, sexton, organist, Communion wine, farewell gifts to Rev. and Mrs. Walter Mitchell. Total Parish and other contributions, $248.72.

Services have been held at Santurce, Candelaria, the Naval Station, and the Leper Colony.

Needs: (*a*) Another native helper. (*b*) A principal for school. (*c*) Money for school. (*d*) Help, to open new work at Cataño, Bayamon and Santurce.

Vieques—*All Saints' Church.*—Rev. Leonard Read, Rector. Address, Box 14, Vieques, P. R. Wardens, Cain Callwood, Alexander Joseph. Treasurer, V. Bean. Clerk, John Sprott.

Statistics.—Individuals, 210. Baptized persons, 190. Communicants, 38. Teacher in Sunday School, 1; pupils, 27. Teacher in Parish School, 1; pupils, 10. Baptisms, infants, 4. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4. Communicants, added by removal, 3; by confirmation, 4; lost by removal, 2. Average attendance at services, 31. Value of Church property, $4,000. Contributions. Parish purposes, including salaries, $1,788.17; Communion alms, $37.41; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $1,450; from other sources, $238.50; contributed for missionary purposes, $15; for other purposes, $22, viz., Clergy Relief, $5; San Francisco, $15; Bishop of Jerusalem, $2. Total Parish and other contributions, $348.11.

Needs: (*a*) A cistern. (*b*) Seats for Parish Hall. (*c*) Books for the Library.

NOTE.—A new rectory and Parish hall have been completed, Church painted, ventilator added, new altar built, and supplies of vases, curtains, brackets, cottas and cassocks, books for Library; eucharistic vestments and altar linen presented.

Summary.

Parishes and Missions	
Clergy, Active	
Retired	
Communicants	3
Sunday School Teachers	
Sunday School Pupils	5
Parish School Teachers	
Parish School Pupils	3
Baptisms	1
Confirmations	
Marriages	
Burials	
Total of Contributions	$2,789

Confirmations.

July	1, 1906.	St. John the Baptist, San Juan	
August	26, "	St. Andrew's, Mayagüez	1
September	6, "	All Saints', Vieques	
	23, "	St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra	
February	17, 1907.	Holy Trinity, Ponce	
		Total	3

APPENDIX III.

REPORTS

Of Teachers, Helpers and of the Treasurer of St. Luke's Memorial Hospital.

REPORT OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SCHOOL.

Ponce, P. R., June 1, 1907.

The Rt. Rev. James H. Van Buren, D.D.:

Holy Trinity Church School opened this season September 24, 1906. Most of my old pupils were in their places, and a few newcomers waited to join our number.

The school has been small this year, but the children have done good work.

The average enrolment for the year ending May 1 was 46. Average attendance, 36.

Our Rector, Rev. Mr. Walter, was anxious that our girls should learn something useful outside of their regular school work—something that might help them earn a living later on. So he provided a Porto Rican teacher, who has given them lessons in drawn work. They have two hours instruction each week, and they have done some creditable work.

This spring I have organized a Junior Auxiliary among the girls, and its members are anxious to do something for the mission work in other places.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Cuddy, *Principal.*

REPORT OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, ST. ANDREW'S, MAYAGUEZ, P. R.

For the year ending May 1, 1907.

St. Andrew's School opened this year with an enrolment of 96, which gradually increased to 146, with an average attendance of 115.

Through the employment of Señorita Paulina Ramírez as assistant teacher, and the help given by Mrs. Bland until her regrettable illness, we were enabled to divide the school into three grades: the kindergarten, taught by Mrs. Bland; the intermediate, by Miss Ramírez, and the main school, by myself.

In March Miss Adela Rivera took temporary charge of the lower school in Mrs. Bland's place, who, we hope, will be able to resume her work at the new term.

The Rev. D. W. Bland, Priest-in-Charge, has regularly taken the opening and closing exercises each day, English and Spanish classes, Scripture and Singing.

A class for plain sewing and letter-marking has been held four times a week. We hope to increase the usefulness of this class next term

Some of the children are showing marked improvement in their studies, and our discipline is producing very excellent results in their behavior, both at the school and at the church.

Frequent visits have been made to the children's homes; and absentees have been carefully inquired after.

We need a fund with which to help the poorer children with clothes and shoes.

Respectfully submitted,

MATILDE MARTÍNEZ, *Principal.*

DEACONESS WEIDENSEE'S REPORT.

Variety has characterized the occupation of the Deaconess during the past year. Her affiliation with St. John's relative to work has been largely the care of the altar and its appointments and of the choir vestments. The irregular exodus of members of these guilds has made an active organization impossible.

The Spanish Sunday School has been under the sole care of the Deaconess as superintendent, organist, secretary and treasurer. The attendance, an average of 32, while not large, has been very regular, and their first offerings with the Easter mite boxes credit us at the Mission House with the sum of $12. The effort to keep and increase the number of adult attendants at the Spanish services resolved itself into a week-night service, which is held in the basement of the Church and is being conducted by the able and kindly assistance of Mr. Paul Reinhardt. To drill the boy choir and be organist for Sunday Spanish services has been a part of the Deaconess's work. An active assistance in two Sunday schools and four services has been a regular Sunday privilege, the second Sunday school and one service being in St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.

Calls have been made repeatedly on the Spanish contingent: calls among the American congregation have been frequent when illness was known to be in the household.

The Church Mission School has accommodation for 60 pupils—the enrolment reached 82, giving a regular attendance of 52 the entire school year. The hearty response from the States of boxes of second-hand clothing has made it quite possible to provide the deficiencies and keep a regular attendance. The garments were sold at a very low

price, yet supplied a fund for the purchase of shoes. Twenty-five cents was required for shoes per pair; this removed the danger of partiality or misunderstanding among the children.

All the services held at the Naval Station have been attended by the Deaconess.

Beside the Sunday assistance given in St. Luke's, there has been the activity of the Woman's and Junior Auxiliaries. Mrs. Snavely kindly assisted in the mapping out and developing of their work. A steady growth has been possible only through the use of the rectory and the sewing machine. Our resources are very limited; nearly one year ago I wrote to the Church Missions House for boxes of second-hand summer clothing. Miss Emery spread the appeal and three boxes were sent us. One was used for the Shoe Fund in our Church Mission School in the city; the others used in Puerta de Tierra, where there was need, beside the sale, netting the Woman's Auxiliary $17. A mail budget of infants' garments was sent us by the Junior Auxiliary of St. Thomas' Church, Newark, N. J. This kindly interest from the home land has been "the cup of cheer" to the missionaries. To sum up a year's work could only be to enumerate the lines of activity requiring the energy and help of a Deaconess, Altar Guild, Choir Mother, member of choir, drilling of Spanish choir, Organist, Superintendent of and Teacher in Sunday School, Day School Teacher, Patron of Relief Fund, Nursing, Woman's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, calling. Variety and opportunity cheerfully encountered "In His Name."

Respectfully submitted,

PAULINE WEIDENSEE, *Deaconess.*

MISS DAVIDSON'S REPORT.

Since coming to Vieques last year I have been trying to teach some neglected children, also giving religious instruction to older people and helping to put the Church in proper order for reverent service.

A class of seven or eight children has met in the mornings to learn to read and write, and Saturday afternoons to sew: and three older girls have been coming three evenings a week for lessons, and also for instruction for confirmation. Several others have come for instructions at different times, but they have had to take work away from the town.

I have had a small Sunday schoôl class for children before the 11 o'clock service, and a Bible class for men and women in the afternoon. The latter is quite well attended, and the people seem much interested.

We have had several small entertainments with games and magic

lantern, some for the children, others for older people, and one after Easter with music and recitations by the men of the choir, which was creditable and much enjoyed.

I have been obliged to take a few orders for drawn work, though unable to find sufficiently good workers in Vieques to make it a means of livelihood for them. The profits have enabled us to have the exterior of the Church painted, which was much needed.

One of the women has helped faithfully in keeping the Church in order and supplying flowers, and another has learned to do the altar work and prepare for services.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. DAVIDSON, *Parish Helper.*

REV. LEONARD READ'S REPORT.

Since my report last year I am very thankful to be able to report that the new Rectory and Parish Hall in connection with our Church has been completed and has been also covered outside with one coat of paint. This Rectory is very conveniently situated, overlooks the Bay of Porto Mula and stands in the Church land between the sea and the Church, the side nearest to the church being the Parish Hall, a room of 13 by 38 feet, which has been used on several occasions already for congregational gatherings, and for Sunday and day school classes, and also for the sewing instructions conducted by Miss Davidson.

We have not yet the means to furnish this Parish Hall, but for the occasions above referred to, we have borrowed the benches from the Church, and tables and chairs, etc., from the Rectory. We hope, however, at an early date that we may be enabled to complete the fitting up of this hall so as also to utilize it for a congregational library, towards which we have already some few small volumes.

As in this town there is no library whatever and very few residents are possessed of books of reference, this library might be made of very considerable local utility, and we should highly esteem the gift of any useful books in either English, Spanish or French, as all are used in this Parish. It is hoped soon to hold services in French.

Services are held in the Church in English and Spanish, and they are fairly well attended. The people, although very earnest and devoted, are all of the laboring class, and some of the very poorest, and quite unable to support the expenses of the Parish. So, when, two and a half years ago, I took charge, upon the retirement from active service of the late Rector, the Rev. J. N. Bean, through blindness, I felt it was almost hopeless to expect ever to obtain means to secure the execution of the necessary improvements and maintenance, but our prayers have been wonderfully answered, with our Bishop's help and approval, and

the funds which Miss Davidson has been accumulating by her philanthropic work in the profitable disposal in the States of the beautiful drawn work of Porto Rican women.

The Rev. W. Watson, late Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, paid us a visit in the fall last year, and our Church was improved by a much needed ventilator in the roof, a new altar and lights and new lamps for the body of the Church, and when he went to the States some friends gave donations so that our Church is now painted inside and outside and presents, even before the new fence is finished, a very beautiful appearance, calculated to lead the careless to thoughtfulness and the thoughtful to more earnestness.

The interior of the Church has been adorned with altar curtains and brackets, vases for the altar, eucharistic vestments, cottas and cassocks for the choir and an harmonium, and a new font to replace the druggist's mortar which served the purpose previously. So, with such encouragement, we may safely hope for the much needed water spouting and cistern and the books and fitting for the Parish Hall.

Besides these matters temporal there are also matters spiritual of very encouraging nature. Among those who have attended our services have been some who are not members of our Church. some belonging to the Wesleyan Methodist Society, and one of these, holding a local preacher's license, was to have been received into our communion, but was just at that time called away to the bedside of an aged mother, and it was the Bishop's privilege to receive and welcome him a few weeks later elsewhere.

Another young man, a Roman Catholic, and previously some years studying in a Jesuit college, has also been received into our communion, and has assisted Miss Davidson in preparing an elaborate Church Catechism in Spanish.

And among the marriages performed there was one between a couple aged 78 and 68, who had lived together just a quarter of a century, and the bridegroom is to be confirmed in a few weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD READ, *Rector.*

May, 1907.

REPORT ON THE TREASURER OF ST. LUKE'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Income.	
Subscriptions made in Ponce, Porto Rico	$2,198.89
Subscriptions received from the United States	129.00
Donation made by Miss Gould for first year's salary of nurse	600.00
Amount received from Treasurer of Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church to complete salary of nurse for the first half year to $360	60.00
Interest on loan made to Ponce's Woman's Guild	2.50
Collections made through Bishop Van Buren	17,500.00
	$22,227.89

Expenditure.	
Cost of hospital lot	$2,000.00
Documentary expenses	19.15
Expenses for fencing lot and painting poles	77.60
Payments made to engineer for supervising work	550.00
Cost of extra plans	150.00
Cost of material and work of putting in water pipes	532.64
Payments made to contractor	10,500.00
Expenses for excavation of hospital ground	1,062.79
Head nurse's salary for the months of February to June, at the rate of $60 per month	300.00
Traveling expenses Bishop Van Buren to United States and Dr. Vogel to San Juan	130.00
Expenses for medical instruments from Kny Scherer Company	469.39
Transportation expenses: Expenses for nurses, sundries and petties	238.88
Balance	6,196.64
	$22,227.89

Balance, $6,196.64, of which amount $696.64 are deposited in the Crédito Ahorro Ponceño; $5,500 undisposed against letter of credit.

PONCE, June 14, 1907.

JUL. UMBACH,
Treasurer of St. Luke's Memorial Hospital.

APPENDIX IV.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATION TO THE PORTO RICAN MISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1907, AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 1908, ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 14, 1907.

Item.		Annual Rate in United States gold dollars.	
	GENERAL.		
1.	The Bishop's salary	$3,000	
2.	The Bishop's official traveling expenses within the Missionary District up to	300	
3.	The Bishop's Discretionary Fund	400	
			$3,700
	MAYAGÜEZ.		
4.	The Rev. David W. Bland	$1,200	
5.	The Rev. David W. Bland, house rent	400	
6.	Running expenses St. Andrew's Mission	120	
7.	Rent of Church Building	300	
8.	An American teacher, to be appointed	600	
9.	School expenses and salaries of native teachers	780	
			3,400
	SAN JUAN.		
10.	The Rev. Frederick A. Warden[1] (half salary)	$800	
11.	Miss Pauline Weidensee, Deaconess[2]	800	
12.	School expenses	400	
13.	Dolores Romañat[2] (native teacher)	300	
			2,300
	PONCE.		
14.	The Rev. Harvey P. Walter	$1,200	
15.	Miss Frances Cuddy	800	
16.	School expenses	100	
17.	St. Luke's Hospital	1,000	
			3,100
	VIEQUES.		
18.	The Rev. Leonard Read	$800	
19.	The Rev. J. N. Bean (half pension)	150	
20.	Miss Sarah R. Davidson[2]	450	
			1,400

[1] The congregation of the Church of St. John the Baptist at San Juan is to pay $800 in addition to above stipend.

[2] Appointed under the Woman's Auxiliary United Offering of 1904.

Item.		Annual Rate in United States gold dollars.
	PUERTA DE TIERRA.	
21.	The Rev. Charles E. Snavely	$1,200
22.	The Rev. Charles E. Snavely, rent	400
23.	School expenses and supplies	500
		$2,100
	LA CARMELITA OR CULEBRA.	
24.	Clergyman to be appointed	$500
		500
	(This last item to be at Bishop's discretion in supplying either of these parts with service.)	
	AGUAS BUENAS.	
25.	Mission expenses and clerical supply	$250
		250
	Total	$16,750

E. and O. E.

CHURCH MISSIONS HOUSE,
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Attest: JOSHUA KIMBER,
Associate Secretary.

APPENDIX V.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CONVOCATION OF PORTO RICO.

Order of Business First Day of the Convocation.

1. At 8.30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.

2. At the conclusion of the Holy Communion, the Bishop shall take the Chair and call the Convocation to order.

3. Election of a Secretary by ballot.

4. Roll call by the Secretary, the List to be provided by the Bishop.

5. Appointment by the Bishop of a Committee on Qualifications, to whom shall be referred any questions touching membership. Undisputed names and credentials to be acted on at once without debate. Questions raised or referred to the Convocation by the Committee on Qualifications to be laid aside temporarily.

6. A constitutional quorum being present, in both orders, the President shall declare the Convocation organized for business.

7. The President shall announce the appointment of the following:

(*a*) The Chancellor.

(*b*) A Committee on the Admission of new Parishes and Missions, to consist of one clergyman and one layman.

(*c*) The Committee on Finance, to consist of the Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.

(*d*) A Committee on Unfinished Business.

(*e*) A Committee on Nominations.

(*f*) The Standing Committee.

(*g*) The Auditing Committee of three.

8. The receiving and referring of papers relating to the admission of new Parishes and Missions.

9. Report of Committee on Qualifications temporarily laid aside. Action to be taken immediately after discussion.

10. Presentation of any subject that is to be referred without debate, to special committees for their subsequent report.

11. At 2.30 p. m., the Elections of Officers and Committees, the Committee on Nominations having their report ready to offer, and the election to follow immediately; other nominations being always in order. The President shall announce what elections are to follow, viz.:

(*a*) Treasurer.

(*b*) Registrar.

(*c*) Delegates to the General Convention (in Convention years).

(*d*) Committee on Constitution and Canons (see Canon 13), to consist of two clergymen and one layman.

(*e*) Committee of three members, on the creation and increase of the fund for support of a bishop.

(*f*) Other elections, if there are any.

12. At three o'clock the Bishop's Annual Address, unless he shall prefer some other time.

13. Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.

14. Reports and action on them as follows:

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15. Miscellaneous business.

16. Adjournment to the second day.

Order of Business Second Day of Convocation.

17. Morning Prayer at 8.30 a. m., by appointment of the Bishop.

18. Reading of the Minutes of the preceding day, and action on them.

19. The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjournment the day before, if any.

20. Reports from the several Missionaries, the Teachers, and other workers in the several parts of the District; each to occupy not more than ten minutes, unless by vote of the Convocation extending the time. These reports may be verbal or written, and shall be called for by the President of the Convocation.

21. Reports of any special committees on matters referred to them during the session.

22. At 2.30 p. m., miscellaneous business.

23. Reading of the Minutes, action on them, and after Prayers and Benediction, by the President, adjournment without day, unless another day is necessary for finishing the business. In that case the above shall be the order.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The usual courtesies of parliamentary observance shall govern at all times.

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desiring to speak shall have spoken, but the mover of a resolution shall have the privilege of closing the debate.

III. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specified in the motion calling for appointment of the committee.

IV. No motion shall be entertained unless and until reduced to writing, and seconded by another than the mover, and handed to the Secretary, with the mover's name appended.

V. When a question is before the Convocation, it shall be in order

(*a*) To lay on the table.
(*b*) To postpone to a fixed time.
(*c*) To postpone indefinitely.
(*d*) To limit debate by taking a vote at a fixed time, or by a vote determining the time allowed for each speaker.
(*e*) To commit.
(*f*) To amend.

Motions for any of these proceedings shall be in the order of precedence as named, and a question on any of these shall be decided before the original motion, which shall then be put, as altered or not.

VI. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are proposed. A motion amending an amendment may be entertained, but no second amendment to an amendment can be entertained. A substitute for the whole may be received and acted upon, provided the substitute be on the same subject.

VII. A motion to lay on the table is to be taken at once without debate.

VIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

IX. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convocation, in which case a majority or a tie shall sustain the President's decision.

X. With the consent of the Convocation, the mover may at any time withdraw a motion which has not been put on its passage, in which case it shall not appear upon the Minutes.

XI. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

XII. A motion to reconsider may be made by one who has voted in the majority on its passage, but such motion can be carried only by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

XIII. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convocation may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

XIV. In a vote by Orders, if the delegates from a parish or mission are equally divided, the vote shall be cast, and marked "divided." And such vote shall not be considered as affecting the decision of the question one way or the other.

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THE RT. REV. JAMES HEARTT VAN BUREN, D.D.,
Consecrated June 24, 1902.

Priests.

July	13, 1904.	The Rev. David W. Bland, Jamaica.
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May	8, 1906.	The Rev. Harvey P. Walter,* Central Pennsylvania.
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March	7, 1907.	The Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Harrisburg.

Deacon.

May	3, 1908.	The Rev. Johan Frederik Droste, Ordained in Porto Rico.

Total number, 7.

Died.

July	14, 1907.	The Rev. Joseph N. Bean.

LAY READERS, LICENSED.

May	18, 1906.	Mr. Courtney C. Nairn, San Juan.
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July	31, 1907.	Mr. Ernesto Rivera, Puerta de Tierra.
Sept.	10, 1907.	Mr. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, San Juan.
Jan.	1, 1908.	Mr. José Archilla, Aguas Buenas.

Total number, 5.

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Mr. Ernesto Rivera, Puerta de Tierra.
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Miss Sara Heyliger, Mayagüez.
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12. Puerta de Tierra, St. Mark, Mr. Enrique Cuervos.
13. San Juan, St. John the Baptist, Rev. F. A. Warden.
14. San Juan, The Naval Station, Rev. F. A. Warden.
15. Santurce (Park), Annunciation, Rev. F. A. Warden.
16. Santurce (Cerra), St. Paul, Mr. Ernesto Rivera.
17. Vieques, All Saints, Rev. L. Read.
18. Vieques (Esperanza), St. Clement's, Rev. L. Read.

Total number, 18.

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Total number, 1.

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Committee on a Monthly Church Paper.—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Rev. David W. Bland, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

Delegates to Missionary Conference of Second Missionary Department.—Rev. David W. Bland, Hon. Laurence Grahame.

JOURNAL.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1908, 8.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, and the Rev. Leonard Read. The Rev. David W. Bland preached the sermon, the text being, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." (Zech. 4: 6.)

At 10.30 o'clock the President took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The election of a Secretary being in order, the name of Mr. George L. Nelson was proposed. The Rev. Frederick A. Warden was appointed teller. A ballot was taken, and it was announced that Mr. Nelson was elected.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Convocation, as follows (the names of those not present at any time are printed in italics):

LIST OF CLERGY CANONICALLY RESIDENT.

The Right Reverend James Heartt Van Buren, D.D., Bishop.

The Rev. David W. Bland.	*The Rev. Harvey P. Walter.*
The Rev. Leonard Read.	The Rev. Charles E. Snavely.
The Rev. Frederick A. Warden.	

Total number of clergy, 6. Present, 5; absent, 1.

LIST OF ORGANIZED PARISHES AND MISSIONS AND OF LAY DELEGATES FROM SAME (THE NAMES OF THOSE NOT PRESENT AT ANY TIME ARE PRINTED IN ITALICS):

Place.	Parish or Mission.	Lay Delegates.
Mayagüez,	St. Andrew's Mission,	*José Roman.*
Ponce,	Holy Trinity Parish,	George L. Nelson.
Puerta de Tierra,	St. Luke's Mission,	*Paul P. Keen.*
		Enrique Cuervos.
San Juan,	St. John the Baptist Parish,	Hon. Laurence Grahame.
		Hon. J. R. F. Savage.
Vieques,	All Saints Parish,	*A. J. Sykes.*

Total number of Parishes and Missions, 5, represented by 7 delegates. Present, 4; absent 3.

The Bishop appointed as a

Committee on Qualifications.

Rev. Leonard Read, Rev. David W. Bland.

There being no quorum present, upon motion by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, it was

Resolved, That when the Convocation adjourn, it adjourn till 2 o'clock p. m.

Upon motion by the Rev. Mr. Warden, it was

Resolved, That the Convocation adjourn.

The Convocation was called to order by the Bishop at 2 o'clock p. m. A quorum being present, the Bishop announced the Convocation organized for business.

The Bishop then announced the following appointments:

Chancellor.

Hon. José R. F. Savage, San Juan.

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Rev. David W. Bland, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

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Committee on a Monthly Church Paper.—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Rev. David W. Bland, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

Delegates to Missionary Conference of Second Missionary Department.—Rev. David W. Bland, Hon. Laurence Grahame.

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Auditing Committee.

HON. LAURENCE GRAHAME, MR. ALBERT E. LEE,
REV. F. A. WARDEN.

There being no business in regard to new parishes and missions, the Committee on Qualifications having nothing to report, and there being no subject for reference to special committees, the Bishop announced that elections were in order for a Treasurer, a Registrar, a Committee on Constitution and Canons, a Committee on Episcopal Support, and delegates to the Missionary Conference of the Second Missionary District, to be held in October in New York.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

For Treasurer.

MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH.

For Registrar.

REV. LEONARD READ.

For Committee on Constitution and Canons.

REV. FREDERICK A. WARDEN,
REV. DAVID W. BLAND,
HON. J. R. F. SAVAGE.

For Committee on Episcopal Support.

HON. LAURENCE GRAHAME,
MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH,
REV. LEONARD READ.

For Delegates to Missionary Council.

REV. DAVID W. BLAND,
HON. LAURENCE GRAHAME.

There being no other nominations, upon motion by Hon. J. R. F. Savage, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cast one ballot for the officers and committees as nominated by the Committee on Nominations.

The Secretary thereupon cast such a ballot, and announced that the officers and committees as nominated were elected.

Upon motion by Hon. J. R. F. Savage, it was

Resolved, That the entire Constitution and Canons be referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons for a report before this Convocation adjourn, upon alterations and amendments.

At 3 o'clock the Bishop delivered his annual address. (See Appendix I.)

The Report of the Treasurer was then read by Secretary. (See Appendix III.)

Upon motion by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Registrar's Report:

No documents have been received, but all printed matter has been carefully retained at Puerta de Tierra during the past year in care of the Rev. Charles E. Snavely, who has been assisted by Mr. Ernesto Rivera.

LEONARD READ,
Registrar.

In the absence of the President of the Council of Advice the Secretary read his report:

The Council of Advice of the Missionary District of Porto Rico met at Holy Trinity Rectory, Ponce, P. R., Wednesday, August 28, 1907, at 11.30 a. m. Members present, Rev. Messrs. Walter and Snavely and Mr. Fernando Toro. Rev. H. P. Walter was elected as President and Rev. Charles E. Snavely Secretary of the Council.

The application of Mr. Johan Frederik Droste to be made a candidate for Holy Orders was considered. Upon motion he was recommended to the Bishop to be made a candidate for Holy Orders.

The application of Mr. Ernesto Rivera, a Postulant for Holy Orders, for a dispensation from the Latin and Greek languages until he shall have been ordained Deacon, was considered. Upon motion, it was recommended that the dispensation be granted.

The application of Mr. Ernesto Rivera to be made a candidate for Holy Orders was considered. Upon motion, he was recommended to the Bishop to be made a candidate for Holy Orders.

April 30, 1908, the Council gave its advice and consent to the Bishop to shorten the time of the candidateship of Mr. Johan Frederik Droste, and recommended him to the Bishop for ordination to the Diaconate, having before it the proper certificates and having found them canonically correct.

HARVEY P. WALTER,
President.

The former Chancellor having resigned and the new Chancellor having been appointed but recently, there was no report.

The Committee on Episcopal Support made no report.

The Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions made no report.

Report of the Committee on St. Luke's Memorial Hospital:

To the Convocation:

The Special Committee of Convocation, to which was referred the subject of The Memorial Hospital of St. Luke the Beloved Physician, at Ponce, respectfully beg leave to report.

We earnestly commend to the attention of all people in Porto Rico the gracious work for suffering humanity inaugurated last October in this Hospital.

We urge that generous contributions be made, through Mr. Julius Umbach, Treasurer, Ponce, P. R., in order that it may extend its benefactions to the poor in greater measure.

We recommend that it be formally recognized as an institution of this Missionary District, and that the Medical Director and the Treasurer be requested to furnish annual statements for publication in the Journal.

Respectfully submitted,
Harvey P. Walter (*Chairman*),
Frederick A. Warden,
George L. Nelson,
Henry W. Dooley,
Special Committee.

San Juan, P. R., May 12, 1908.

Upon motion by the Hon. J. R. F. Savage, it was

Resolved, That the report be adopted.

The Secretary read reports from the Treasurer, the Head Nurse, and the Medical Director of St. Luke's Hospital. (See Appendix III.)

There being no other business for the day, upon motion the Convocation adjourned till 8.30 o'clock a. m. Wednesday.

SECOND DAY.

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1908, 8.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Leonard Read.

At 9.15 o'clock the President took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The minutes of the proceedings of the first day were then read and approved.

Reports from the various missionaries, teachers and workers were then called for.

Miss Comstock read a report of the school at St. John the Baptist's Church, San Juan. (See Appendix IV.)

The Secretary read Miss Cuddy's report for the school in Ponce. (See Appendix IV.)

The Rev. Charles E. Snavely reported verbally for the school at Puerta de Tierra.

The Rev. David W. Bland read the report for the school at Mayagüez (see Appendix IV), and supplemented this by an interesting verbal report.

The Rev. Leonard Read read the report of Miss Davidson, the parish worker at Vieques. (See Appendix IV.)

Mr. Enrique Cuervos, a Porto Rican catechist, made a verbal report in Spanish of his work in Puerta de Tierra.

Mr. Paul Reinhardt, a native catechist, made a verbal report of the work at the Ascension Mission in Santurce.

The Rev. Johan F. Droste made a verbal report of his work at St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce.

The Rev. Leonard Read read a report of his work at Vieques. (See Appendix IV.)

The Rev. Charles E. Snavely made a verbal report of his work at Puerta de Tierra.

The Rev. David W. Bland read a report of his work in Mayagüez. (See Appendix IV.)

The Rev. Frederick A. Warden made a verbal report of the Spanish work he was doing in San Juan.

Miss Jackson, the parish worker at Puerta de Tierra, gave a warm and interesting tribute to the other teachers and native workers at Puerta de Tierra.

The Hon. J. R. F. Savage read the report of the *Committee on Constitution and Canons* to the Fourth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico:

Your Committee on Constitution and Canons, in accordance with the resolution of the Third Annual Convocation, referring to it so much of the Bishop's address as related to the expense of publishing the JOURNAL, respectfully reports that it recommends that Fifty Dollars of this expense be contributed by the various parishes in the amounts respectively set opposite their names, as follows:

St. John's, San Juan	$20.00	
Holy Trinity, Ponce	15.00	
St. Andrew's, Mayagüez	5.00	
All Saints', Vieques	5.00	
St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra	5.00	
		$50.00

and that the balance of such expense, if any, be paid from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Your Committee further reports that it has carefully examined the Constitution and Canons of this District with a view to needed amendments with the following result.

It appears clear to the Committee that Article V of the Constitution with regard to what shall constitute a quorum of the Convocation needs no change if the mode of calculation fixed by this article is thoroughly understood. This mode of calculation, in the opinion of your Committee, is the following: First, to determine the number which constitutes a bare majority of all of the parishes and organized missions of the District, and then to determine what is the total representation in both orders that such bare majority would be entitled to in the Convocation. One-third of this number will constitute a quorum. To illustrate. If there be five parishes and organized missions in the District, a bare majority of this number would be three. Each of these three would be entitled to two Lay Delegates, and we will assume that there is one Presbyter for each parish or mission. The total representation in both orders to which the three parishes or missions would be entitled would therefore be nine, of which one-third would be three, two Lay Delegates and one Presbyter, which would constitute a quorum of the Convocation.

In order that this interpretation of Article V may be carried out without further misunderstanding it is evident to your Committee that the Constitution and the Canons should be amended in such a way as to leave no doubt as to what is meant by an organized mission of the District, and to this end your Committee proposes the following amendments to Article V of the Constitution and to Canon 9, in order that they may be acted upon by the next Annual Convocation in accordance with the provisions of Article XII of the Constitution.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND CANONS.

That the first sentence of Article V of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

The members of the Convocation shall comprise the officers mentioned in Article III, all Presbyters canonically resident in the District not less than three months previous to the meeting, together with two Lay Delegates from each parish or *organized* mission in the District, chosen at the *next* preceding Annual Meeting of the parish or mission, or, *in the event of a failure on the part of the parish or mission to make such choice,* appointed by the minister in charge.

That Canon 9 be amended to read as follows:

When a mission shall have ten persons registered as regular members thereof, the missionary in charge shall appoint a Finance Committee, whose duties shall be those of a Vestry, so far as the circumstances will allow, and the mission shall thereupon become an organized mission of the District.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. WARDEN,
DAVID W. BLAND,
JOSÉ R. F. SAVAGE.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, May 13, 1908.

Upon motion by the Rev. Leonard Read, it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted.

Upon motion by the same, it was

Resolved, That the recommendation in regard to the expense of publishing the JOURNAL be adopted.

Report of the Chairman of the Committee on Theological School:

It has not been practicable to hold a meeting of this Committee, but I beg to say, as stated in my Annual Address of yesterday, that from conversations had with several of the members of the Committee, I believe that the correspondence method may be used to advantage,

and that the results of communication between Rev. Mr. Bland and the committee appointed in Cuba will be awaited with interest.

I ask that the Committee be continued with power to fill vacancies by appointment of the Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. VAN BUREN,
For the Committee.

Upon motion, it was

Resolved, That the report be adopted, and the Committee be continued as requested.

The Bishop, as Chairman of the Committee on Finance, reported as follows:

The attention of the several parishes and missions is called to the provisions of Canon 7, of this Missionary District, regarding "Special Offerings."

A request was sent to each of the clergy asking that the sum of $100 be raised to defray the traveling expenses of the clerical delegate to the General Convention. In response, Holy Trinity Parish, Ponce, contributed $10. The balance, amounting to $90, was secured through a private contribution of $5 and the appropriation of $85 from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. The entire amount of $100 was paid to the Clerical Delegate. The Committee has not authorized me to recommend future action on the subject.

Owing to the Bishop's contemplated absence from the District, it may be impossible for the Committee to make the estimate for Convocation expenses, as provided in Article VII of the Constitution. I therefore beg to say that the printing and mailing of the JOURNAL is always the chief item of Convocation expense. This will probably amount to something like $150. Hitherto it has been paid from the funds raised by the Bishop for Church purposes, from contributions in the States. I hope that the parishes and missions will take pride in relieving such funds of this burden, and that the offerings of yesterday's service, $6.40, will be supplemented by the parishes and missions in accordance with the provisions of Canon 7.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. VAN BUREN,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Upon motion, it was

Resolved, That the report of the Chairman of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Upon motion, the order of miscellaneous business was taken up at once.

Upon motion by Rev. Frederick A. Warden, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convocation that a monthly Church paper be issued under the direction of the Bishop, and that steps be taken to this end by the appointment of a committee of three.

The Chairman appointed as such a Committee:

Rev. Frederick A. Warden. Rev. David W. Bland,
Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. Joseph N. Bean, written shortly before his death, in reply to a resolution of sympathy passed by the last Convocation.

The Secretary also read letters received from the General Secretary of the Board of Missions and from the Secretary of the House of Bishops in regard to resolutions passed by the last Convocation.

Upon motion by the Secretary, it was

Resolved, That the time and place of meeting of the next Convocation be left to the discretion of the Bishop.

Upon motion by the Hon. J. R. F. Savage, it was

Resolved, That after the reading of the minutes and action on them, and Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourn without day.

The minutes were then read by the Secretary.

Upon motion by the Rev. Leonard Read, it was

Resolved, That the minutes as read stand approved.

After Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourned without day.

James H. Van Buren,
Bishop of Porto Rico.

Attest:
George L. Nelson,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS

At the Fourth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico, Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, Porto Rico, May 12, 1908.

By the Right Reverend James H. Van Buren, D.D.

The year which has passed since last we met in Convocation has been more than usually eventful. The General Convention which met in Richmond, Va., last October, was rich in historic and practical significance. It commemorated the three hundredth anniversary of our American ecclesiastical history, and dealt with subjects of vital importance for present and future conditions.

It is with profound regret that one must record the fact that four of those who, in the House of Bishops, took part in the councils of the Church last October, have since then entered into rest: The Rt. Rev. Leighton Coleman, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Delaware; the Rt. Rev. George Worthington, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Nebraska; the Rt. Rev. Henry Yates Satterlee, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Washington; and the Rt. Rev. Ellison Capers, D.D., Bishop of South Carolina. Each of these was strong in his loyalty to the Great Bishop and Shepherd of souls, and in abundant endeavors for the work He requires; each of them honored and beloved as a father in the faith; all but the last named, alike, in their swift and sudden departure;—we honor and venerate them all, and pause to offer the customary tribute of prayer, thanking God for the good examples of these His faithful servants, and "for all the saints who from their labors rest."

(The Prayers.)

It is not necessary, nor is it possible at this hour, to recount all the subjects and all the action which occupied the General Convention. But a brief reference to a few features

is required. In its commemorative aspect the General Convention took on both a historical and a missionary character. Hearts were stirred at Jamestown Island, and at Williamsburgh, by the review of the events of three hundred years ago; quickened by the recital of three centuries of progress, and inspired by the thank-offerings of the men and women of the Church. The Convention was emboldened to new missionary endeavor, resulting in the creation of four new missionary districts in the West, and aroused as never before to a sense of responsibility for the work among the colored people of the South.

Legislation for the creation of suffragan bishops was begun, and will come up for completion or rejection, under the canons, at the next General Convention in 1910, at Cincinnati. It is probable that, during the interval, the Church will so thoroughly discuss the subject that its decision, either to reject or to confirm the action looking to the creation of suffragan bishops, will be based upon a profound conviction of the wisdom or otherwise of that step. Personally I am in favor of suffragan bishops, although I can see many practical difficulties in the way of securing them and in the way of their practical efficiency. For, be those difficulties what they may, I see no other means by which the Church can approximate the measure of its duty to the colored people without establishing a separate organization, which would mean practically that we turned them away with no provision for their spiritual needs. By the creation of suffragan bishops, the colored people of the South, as well as other neglected people to whom suffragan bishops elsewhere might minister, will not be removed from the episcopal oversight of the diocesan bishops, nor will the unity of the Church be impaired.

By an amendment to Canon 19, the General Convention has declared it possible for the Bishops to permit the delivery of addresses in the church, on special occasions, by Christian men who are not Ministers of this Church. This perfectly sane and clear legislation has become known as "The Open Pulpit," and has given rise to no little discussion. My own personal conviction is that it is an entirely safe and wise

declaration of a right which always belonged to the office of a Bishop; that it does not contradict the Church's law requiring ordination for those who are to exercise the offices of the ministry, and that it restricts and regulates the exercise of Christian men's liberty of speaking.

Those who have seen occasion for alarm in the amendment need to be reminded that it is not by any means a new thing for Bishops to license unordained men to make addresses, as in the case of Lay Readers; or even to preach, as in the case of some of the ancient brotherhoods. On the other hand, those who claim, under the amendment, such a setting aside of the safeguards as will permit and invite "erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's word," need to bear in mind that the amendment cannot rightly be interpreted, if made to contradict the ordination vow to "banish and drive away" all such doctrines.

If there be found in the amendment a spirit of Christian kindness and courtesy toward other Christians, who are not of our own communion, that is surely not a new spirit, since we have long prayed for "all who profess and call themselves Christians, that they may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life." The amendment seems to indicate that we mean that prayer, and that it is not an empty form.

Beyond the right which I had before, to permit, or to invite any Christian man on a special occasion, of which I must be the judge, to make an address, I have neither the desire nor the right to go. Beyond this, I do not expect anyone will ask me to go.

But I regard all other aspects of this subject as unimportant in comparison with the assertion it involves of a tremendous fact, namely, that there is a very large and important part of Christendom which is not included in our own communion. I yield to no man in my loyalty to the episcopal system, but to take no account whatever of the enormous number of Christian people, who do love our Lord in sincerity and in truth, but who are separated from the apostolic traditions as we hold them, is to put ourselves in a most unapostolic attitude; it is to forget our Lord's prayer for unity.

Nowhere more clearly than in the mission field do the abundant labors of these, our separated brethren, appear, oftentimes far surpassing our own; if we would not be false to Him who is the Head of the Church we must accept His saying as profoundly true, that they who are not against Him are on His side, and thank God for all the good and true Christian life that Christians of every name are manifesting. Deplore the existing separations as much as we may, yet there is more that unites than there is that divides us to-day. More truth, more holy living, more fruit of the Spirit everywhere appears than the reverse. Not to see this is spiritual blindness. I thank God for every recognition of existing unity, and the amendment to Canon 19 is such.

Turning now to our own immediate field, the year has been unusual in many ways. It has seen the completion and successful inauguration of the Memorial Hospital of St. Luke the Beloved Physician, at Ponce, the opening of several new missions, and the completion of the church building of St. Luke's Mission at Puerta de Tierra, the cornerstone of which we laid at the time of our last annual Convocation.

As regards the hospital, I feel that in the extent to which it appeals to the people among whom and for whom it does its gracious work, it is the most influential of all the undertakings of this Church in Porto Rico. It commends the Church, which stands revealed by it, as a tender-hearted, loving, generous and helpful institution, to the attention of a community that for many years had cared nothing for the sound of the church's bell, scarcely heard amid the other distracting sounds of a Porto Rican city. It has spoken a message to ears that never heard the sound of the preacher's voice, or hearing did not understand; for it has spoken, and it is continuing to speak, in a language that needs no interpreter. During the six months it has been at work it reports 1863 days of hospital service, of which 475 days were free, that is, gratuitous. By this record it presents the unanswerable argument which silences all contradiction, according to the words of the apostle who said, "that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men." To its Medical Director, its Head

Nurse, and to its staff of nurses, as also to the local committee who have contributed so greatly to its success, and to all who have responded to the appeals which I have made for its building and equipment, a tribute of praise and gratitude is due which I cheerfully accord.

St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, has at last a suitable building for its manifold and increasing works. Already a power in that community and extending its ministrations in both the English and Spanish languages; with a school whose enrolment of a hundred children carries the message of the gospel into many of the homes of the people; with a Sunday-school where I myself saw over 200 children assembled on the opening day, last Palm Sunday; with no less than eight missions and preaching places at Aguas Buenas, Santurce and other outlying points; with its confirmation class of sixty-five, that same evening; with its work at the Leper Colony, and its congregation that packed the building twice and stood thronging at the door, St. Luke's Church seems to have given an emphatic answer in the affirmative to anyone who cares to ask whether this American, Catholic and Apostolic Church, has anything to offer to the people of Porto Rico which they care to have. It will continue to emphasize that great truth.

To the Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ponce, who has felt obliged by family reasons to resign the parish and will soon be leaving the island, I feel that more is due than a simple word of farewell and of regret at his departing. He has accomplished in a quiet way results which will cause him and his wife to be held in grateful remembrance long after they have gone. Although working along different lines from those of his predecessor, whose devotion is recognized with affection, Mr. Walter has called out the devoted service of the people in a marked degree; he has succeeded in strengthening an already strong congregation, and has developed unusual missionary interest. Our best wishes will attend him and his family in their new field, and our prayers for their welfare go with them.

St. Andrew's Mission at Mayagüez has gone on steadily during the year past, though deprived of the vigorous help

of the missionary's wife, through impaired health. It is hoped that the furlough which they are to have will result in her complete restoration, besides giving to both a vacation and a rest which both have certainly well earned. The need of a stronger teaching force at this place is recognized and should be soon supplied.

By means of a grant from the Men's Thank Offering we have been able to purchase the school property at Mayagüez, thus putting a stop to the payment of rent, avoiding all danger of losing the place, and opening the way for building a suitable church, school and teachers' residence, as soon as sufficient funds can be secured.

At Vieques the Minister and people of All Saints' Church are rejoicing in new seats for the mission, which had long been needed. The old building is now perhaps as well furnished and churchly as it is possible to make it, far more so than I had ever thought it could be made; and the parish hall and rectory have long since justified the expenditure they represent.

Here, in San Juan, St. John's Church is a stronghold of the faith. Its Rector is reaching out in such directions as are open, and opening paths where none had been before. At the mission of the Annunciation, in the neighborhood of the Park, I confess I thought he was making a mistake in trying to plant the church. But I discovered the wisdom of the effort when I saw over a hundred persons thronging the building on the occasion of the opening service, one evening last March. He is, there and elsewhere, as well as here in the capital, demonstrating the fact that great numbers of the people of Porto Rico are simply hungering for "the bread of life" which is entrusted to our stewardship, under the command of Him who bids us "Go, feed my sheep, feed my lambs."

Last February I sent out to each of the clergy of the district a "charge," sub-dividing the territory, and suggesting ways by which we might accomplish some measure of church extension. The responses to the suggestions have been most gratifying, for none of us, I presume, would think that we had done all that we would like, or all that we expect and hope to do. But there is a limit to the strength as well as to the

means we can bring to the work, and there is need of more native workers.

Those who are helping in the capacity of native catechists, or lay readers, are entitled to our grateful appreciation, and we extend to them hearty thanks for all they are doing. We hope that there will be an increasing number of them, for it is increasingly evident that they can be of the utmost service in bringing the gospel to their fellow-countrymen. In fact it seems clear that a native ministry is absolutely essential to the success of the work.

But it is at this point that we encounter a difficulty. A native ministry must be educated. It would be of no service if it were not well instructed in the Holy Scriptures, in ecclesiastical history, in systematic theology. In fact it must be trained in all the subjects required in the canons of the Church.

In the absence of text-books in Spanish it is extremely difficult for any native young man to satisfy the requirements of the canons, and neither the Bishop, the Examining Chaplains, nor the Council of Advice have any right to lower the standard of the ministry or empty the examinations of meaning. Clearly, the ministry of this Church must be made up of full-grown men, whether in Porto Rico or elsewhere, who not only possess the requisite elements of good character, but who are also able to pass with credit the examinations in such studies as the canons set forth.

But while the absence of text-books renders this difficult, it is by no means impossible. Last year at the Convocation a Committee on the Establishment of a Theological School was appointed. I have talked with some of the members of the committee, and it seems possible to proceed along the lines which I have suggested. That is to say, let each of the clergy secure such suitable young men as he is able, let him give to each of them the instruction he may orally impart, at the same time preparing notes on those subjects in the Spanish language, for use by exchange in the correspondence method; the Bishop also preparing similar notes in doctrinal theology and ecclesiastical polity, which may be used by the several clergy and by the postulants or candidates under their charge.

Details of this plan will doubtless require to be carefully worked out, and there will probably be need of individual adaptation to meet personal and varying needs; but I am encouraged to believe that in this way the main difficulties can be met and overcome, so that we may hope for the successful entrance upon the sacred ministry of a sufficient supply of natives prepared for the work of that high calling. In answer to a communication on this subject from Cuba, I have nominated Rev. Mr. Bland to correspond with the committee of that missionary district. Good results may be anticipated.

In some cases, where there is a sufficient knowledge of English to enable a student to take the course in a theological seminary in the States, scholarships may be secured through the Bishop, which will allow of a still more thorough training. But in every case it should be remembered that the direction of all theological studies on the part of those aspiring to Holy Orders appertains, by the provisions of the canons, to the Bishop himself; and it is my earnest desire to extend to any Porto Rican young man who may seek the work of the sacred ministry every possible encouragement.

I am hoping to add to our clergy list, as soon as possible, three more missionaries, either from the States or from other islands. I do not think it possible to have too many high-minded and patriotic Americans, who shall bring to the people of Porto Rico that best American type of citizenship which our own American Church inculcates. Experience teaches that while there are difficulties, in the language and in the conditions of living, which are seldom appreciated or understood by those in the home land, yet that by patience many of those difficulties can be overcome; and that there are thousands of people here who are ready to enter the doors of the Church, accept our message, adopt our liturgy, receive baptism and confirmation, and through careful training become faithful communicants.

We have in our trust the stewardship of the things they need. In nearly every considerable town there are Americans, laymen of our Church, who know enough Spanish to be of great service to the missionary, if licensed to assist him as lay readers and interpreters. I venture with confidence to

call upon all such American Churchmen, and I recommend to the clergy to call upon them for service.

There is much praise due to the Protestant denominations for the progress they are making. But there is no denomination that can do our work for us, and no amount of zeal and good work on the part of other Christians will absolve us from the duty that rests upon us of ministering to the people to whom we are sent, the Word and the Sacraments of the Holy Catholic Church. We enter into no controversy with other Christians, but by manifestation of the truth seek to "commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." "The servant of God must not strive, but be gentle unto all men; apt to teach." And when once it is understood that we bring the Church which Christ loved and which was "built on the foundation of apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,"—when this is realized, our problem will be how to receive the multitude that will come to us.

It will be remembered that, by vote of last year's Convocation, the amount asked of us as our apportionment for General Missions was increased to $150. It gives me great satisfaction to know that we are likely to surpass again the limit thus set. And when we remember how much the Board of Missions is appropriating for the work in Porto Rico, we shall be glad to show our thankfulness by exceeding the limit as much as we can. Permit me to remind you that the fiscal year of the Board of Missions closes September 1st, and to advise that your offerings be sent in as early as possible to the Treasurer in New York.

Owing to the necessity of much travel, in the interests of the work, I have found it difficult to keep account of the funds which are contributed as "special," for disbursement in connection with the various needs of Church growth, acquirement of property, etc. Accordingly, I have asked the Treasurer of this missionary district, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, to act in the capacity of disbursing officer and to keep account of such funds. I am under great obligation to him for the readiness with which he has consented to relieve me of this care and for the careful business methods which he has brought to the

work. Hereafter the financial element of our work will receive a more systematic presentation in the JOURNAL of Convocation, through Mr. Waymouth's reports.

The finances of St. Luke's Hospital, under the capable management of Mr. Julius Umbach, Treasurer, will also, as last year, form a feature in the annual JOURNAL. The hospital will issue besides an annual report, in which, from year to year, will be found recorded such details of hospital service as are usually reported in similar publications.

It gives me great satisfaction to state that I have recently received, from a source which I am not at liberty to name, the generous gift of $5,000, for the erection of a second story at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital. Another $1,000 has been promised for the same purpose, and, as soon as I can secure the amount needed for furnishing this new part, it is expected to build, thereby greatly increasing the earning capacity of the hospital, and enabling us to increase correspondingly the free work we wish to do for the poor.

Appended to this address will be found published in the JOURNAL the usual list of the Bishop's official acts, but there are a few statistics which may be reviewed at this point.

The number of confirmations this year is about three times as large as that of any preceding year, the total for this year being 131, as follows:

1907.			
June	28.	St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra	5
July	7.	St. Andrew's, Mayagüez	7
	24.	All Saints, Vieques	7
August	25.	Holy Trinity, Ponce	4
September	8.	St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra	5
1908.			
February	23.	St. John's, San Juan	7
March	29.	St. Andrew's, Mayagüez	7
April	12.	St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra	67
	21.	All Saints, Vieques	3
	25.	Holy Trinity, Ponce	1
	26.	Holy Trinity, Ponce	4
May	10.	St. John's, San Juan	14
Total			131

We shall report this year 18 parishes and missions, instead of 7, as formerly. This does not mean that we have established 11 new missions during the year, but that we have adopted a new method of recording. Instead of reporting as one, all the points which are grouped under the care of one priest, we shall report them separately, thus giving a more adequate idea of the strength and growth of the work.

There has been one ordination to the diaconate in the past year, and we welcome to the number of our clergy the Rev. Johan Frederik Drosté, who was ordained deacon on May 3d. He will serve, for the present, both at Mayagüez and at Ponce. That his service will be devoted and faithful we have good reason to believe; that it will win souls to Christ we confidently expect.

From what has been said, it is evident that the outlook for the work of our beloved Church in Porto Rico was never so bright as it is to-day. Seeds that have been planted and watered are germinating, and the results of years of patient waiting are beginning to appear. Let us regard our present strength as so much capital with which to make new investments. Let us not be content with mere numerical increase. Any one can start a new work; it requires a higher order of talent to hold fast gains already secured. A few communicants faithfully trained and instructed in the ways of holy life are better than a large confirmation class that scatters, no one knows where, after the Bishop's visitation. A few points at which the gospel light is steadily gleaming are better than a great number of feeble and flickering lights that discredit the Church by dying out and leaving the darkness more visible than before. Any one can light a match, but it needs a wise man to build a permanent fire, the old proverb to the contrary notwithstanding.

And now, beloved in the Lord, I pray that God may bless you, one and all, in the work He has set before you. May He reward you for all that you have accomplished, and when our work is tried in the great day, may it be found not of "wood, hay and stubble," but of that finer, stronger quality, that has in it the abiding power. Such work and no other is of God, and shall receive its due recognition and reward.

Episcopal Acts.

1907.

June 18. San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist, Third Annual Convocation.

June 19. Same. Convocation concluded. Evening, held Bishop's Reception.

June 23, *Fourth Sunday after Trinity.* Remained at room with tonsilitis.

June 24, *St. John Baptist Day.* Evening, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, commemoration of fifth anniversary of my consecration.

June 28. Evening, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, preached in Spanish. Confirmed 5.

June 29. Evening, Aguas Buenas, preached in Spanish at private house.

June 30, *Fifth Sunday after Trinity.* Same. A. M., celebrated Holy Communion. Evening, Mission of the Advent, preached in Spanish.

July 7, *Sixth Sunday after Trinity.* Mayagüez. A. M., celebrated Holy Communion. Evening, same, preached and confirmed 7, all Spanish.

July 8. Ponce. Meeting of Hospital Committee.

July 12. Same. Hospital Committee.

July 14, *Seventh Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. A. M., Church of St. John the Baptist, preached, officiated and baptized 1. Evening, same, preached and officiated, Spanish.

July 16. Vieques. Buried Rev. Joseph N. Bean, All Saints' Church.

July 17. Same. Evening, officiated and preached.

July 19. Same. Evening, took part in Spanish Litany.

July 21, *Eighth Sunday after Trinity.* Same. A. M., received Holy Communion. Later, officiated and preached. Afternoon, visited Sunday School. Evening, officiated.

July 24. Same. Evening, preached, and confirmed 7.

July 25, *St. James' Day.* Same. Celebrated Holy Communion.

July 26. Same. Evening, preached in Spanish.

July 28, *Ninth Sunday after Trinity.* Same. A. M., officiated and preached.

July 31. Issued certificate of approbation and admission as Postulant to Ernesto Rivera. Issued Lay Reader's license to same. Appointed Rev. Charles E. Snavely and Rev. Frederick A. Warden as Examining Chaplains.

August 2. San Juan. St. John's Church. Afternoon, took part in Evening Prayer. Evening, solemnized a marriage.

August 4, *Tenth Sunday after Trinity.* Visited Rio Piedras and Carolina, with reference to establishing the Church's work.

August 7. Santurce. Evening, St. Paul's Mission, officiated and preached in Spanish.

August 9. Anti-Tuberculosis Hospital, San Juan, address in Spanish.

August 11, *Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.* At Aguas Buenas. Rain prevented services.

August 18, *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.* Ponce, Holy Trinity Church. A. M., celebrated Holy Communion. Later, officiated and preached. Evening, officiated.

August 20. Inspected buildings for St. Luke's Hospital.

August 24, *St. Bartholomew's Day.* Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. William Alexander Guerry, D.D., to be Bishop-Coadjutor of South Carolina.

August 25, *Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Ponce, Holy Trinity Church. A. M., confirmed 4.

August 28. Same. Admitted Ernesto Rivera and Johan Frederik Droste as Candidates for Holy Orders.

September 1, *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.* At Ponce, sick. Issued to J. F. Droste Lay Reader's license, also license to deliver sermons and addresses. (Canon 21.)

September 3. Same. Meeting of Hospital Committee.

September 7. Same. Renewed Lay Reader's license for Mr. Monefeldt, of Mayagüez.

September 8, *Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. A. M., St. John's Church, officiated and preached. Evening, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, preached and confirmed 5.

September 10. Received and approved application of Paul Rufus Reinhardt as Postulant for Holy Orders. Notified Standing Committee. Licensed him as Lay Reader.

September 15, *Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Easton, Pa. A. M., Trinity Church, preached.

September 22, *Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.* Baltimore, Md. A. M., St. Peter's Church, preached.

September 26. Washington, D. C. International Convention Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

September 27. Same.

September 28. Same. Reception in evening to Bishop of London.

September 29, *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, St. Michael and All Angels.* Washington, D. C., A. M., St. Alban's Church, preached. Later, attended laying of foundation stone of Cathedral.

October 1. New Haven, Conn., and Norwalk, officiated at burial.

October 3. Richmond, Va., in attendance at General Convention.

October 4. General Convention. Evening, address by Bishop of London.

October 5. General Convention. Evening, reception by the Governor of Virginia.

October 6, *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Richmond, Va. A. M. and evening, attended St. Paul's Church.

October 7. General Convention.

October 8. General Convention. Evening, Reception.
October 9, General Convention. Trinity Church, Holy Communion and Men's Thank Offering.
October 10. General Convention. Afternoon, Missionary Meeting.
October 11. General Convention. Evening, Missionary Bishops in conference.
October 12. General Convention. Excursion to Jamestown Island.
October 13, *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.* A. M., St. Paul's Church, Holy Communion. Evening, same, Missionary Meeting.
October 14. General Convention.
October 15. General Convention.
October 16. General Convention. Afternoon, made address.
October 17. General Convention. Evening, Missionary Meeting.
October 18, *St. Luke's Day.* General Convention.
October 20, *Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.* Philadelphia, A. M., St. Martin's Church, preached and celebrated Holy Communion. Afternoon, preached at Holy Trinity Church. Evening, preached at St. Matthew's Church.
October 24. Le Sueur, Minn. Evening, preached.
October 25. St. James, Minn. Evening, preached. Afternoon, addressed High School.
October 27, *Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.* Mankato, Minn. A. M., preached. Afternoon, addressed Sunday School. Evening, St. Peter's, preached.
October 28. Wilder, Minn. Afternoon, addressed Breck School. Evening, Windom, Minn., address.
October 29. St. Paul, Minn. Evening, addressed Church Club.
October 30. Lake City, Minn. Evening, addressed Convocation.
October 31. Chicago, Ill. Afternoon, addressed Woman's Auxiliary.
November 2. Cincinnati, O. Afternoon, address, Church of the Advent.
November 3, *Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.* Glendale, O. A. M., addressed Sunday School. Later, preached and celebrated Holy Communion, Christ Church.
November 7. New York. Interviews at Church Missions House.
November 8. New York. Interviews at General Theological Seminary.
November 9. Princeton, N. J. A. M., address, Junior Auxiliary.
November 10, *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.* A. M., Germantown, Pa., preached in Calvary Church.
November 12. New York. Meeting of Board of Missions.
November 13. Rye, N. Y. Afternoon, address, Woman's Auxiliary, at Christ Church.
November 15. Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Evening, address, Vassar College.
November 17, *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.* Buffalo, N. Y. A. M., Church of Ascension, Holy Communion, addressed Sunday School, and preached. Evening, preached at St. John's Church.

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Board of Missions.
New Haven, Conn. A. M.,
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and St Timothy, addressed

A. M., addressed High School.
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ent. Brookline, Mass. A. M.,
reached. Evening, preached at
Mass.
New Haven, Conn. Attended Holy
Morning Prayer at Trinity.
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St. John's Church, San Juan, even-

ristmas. Same. A. M., preached.

January 12, *First Sunday after Epiphany.* Read service at home.
January 13. Afternoon, held inquiry regarding a Presbyter.
January 14. Pronounced Benediction at Joint Session of Legislature in San Juan.
January 19, *Second Sunday after Epiphany.* Service at home.
January 20. Finished inquiry regarding Presbyter.
January 21. Ponce. Inspecting Hospital.
January 22. Same. Meeting of Hospital Committee.
January 26, *Third Sunday after Epiphany.* A. M., St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, Holy Communion in Spanish; later, St. Paul's, Santurce, address in Spanish, baptized a child. Afternoon, at St. Luke's, addressed Sunday School in Spanish; later, officiated and preached in English. Evening, same, officiated and preached in Spanish.
January 30. Meeting of Finance Committee of the District.
February 2, *The Purification B. V. M.* Mayagüez, St. Andrew's, preached and celebrated Holy Communion in Spanish.
February 8. Issued a Charge to the Clergy on "Church Extension in Porto Rico."
February 9, *Fifth Sunday after Epiphany.* At home under medical care.
February 10. Set forth a Special Prayer for the Hospital at Ponce.
February 16, *Septuagesima.* Sick in Presbyterian Hospital, San Juan.
February 23, *Sexagesima.* A. M., San Juan, preached at St. John's. Evening, same, preached and confirmed 7 in Spanish.
February 25. Appointed Rev. H. P. Walter and Rev. D. W. Bland Examining Chaplains for Johan F. Droste, Candidate; assigned him three canonical texts for sermons.
February 29. Appointed Rev. C. E. Snavely and Rev. F. A. Warden Examining Chaplains to examine Ernesto Rivera in Latin.
March 1, *Quinquagesima.* Read parts of the service at home.
March 4, *Ash Wednesday.* Attended Spanish and English services at St. John's, San Juan.
March 7. Visited sick man at Presbyterian Hospital, San Juan.
March 8, *First Sunday in Lent.* Visitation office in Hospital. Read Prayers at home.
March 9. Visitation office in Hospital.
March 11. Same.
March 12. Same. Evening, preached in Spanish at opening of Mission of Annunciation, Santurce.
March 13. Received resignation of Rev. H. P. Walter as Rector at Ponce.
March 14. Accepted same, notified Board of Missions.
March 15, *Second Sunday in Lent.* Read service at home. Visited Presbyterian Hospital.
March 17. Visited Parish School at San Juan, also Presbyterian Hospital.

Cabras Island (Leper Colony)—*Mission of the Good Shepherd.*—Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Missionary. Ernesto Rivera, Lay Reader.

Statistics.—Individuals, 30. Baptized persons, 30. Confirmations, Class 25 waiting. Average attendance at services, 28. Contributions: Received from all sources, $678.26; used for all purposes, clothing, food, books and papers, tobacco, etc., $200.39.

Mayagüez—*St. Andrew's Mission.*—Rev. David W. Bland, Minister-in-Charge. Address, Box 131, Mayagüez, P. R.

Statistics.—Individuals, 235. Baptized persons, 180. Communicants, 46. Teachers in Sunday School, 4; pupils, 233. Teachers in Parish School, 3; pupils, 141. Baptisms: adults, 1; infants, 25. Confirmations, 15. Marriages, 29. Burials, 1. Communicants, added by removal, 2; by confirmations, 15; lost by death, 1; by removal, 2. Average attendance at services, 60. Value Church property, $2,855. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $73.16; Communion alms, $25.08; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $3,423.36; other sources, $58.53; contributed for missions, $41; Clergy Relief Fund, $25; total Parish and other contributions, $222.77.

Needs: (*a*) Principal for school. (*b*) Woman helper. (*c*) Native assistant. (*d*) Fund for school equipment.

Palo Seco—*Mission of San Pedro.*—Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Missionary. Ernesto Rivera and Enrique Cuervos, Lay Readers.

Statistics.—Individuals, 100 or more. Baptized persons, 75. Average attendance at services, 80.

Needs: (*a*) Five dollars a month for a house. (*b*) Five dollars a month for expenses. (*c*) Twenty-five dollars for furniture.

Ponce—*Church of the Holy Trinity.*—Rev. Harvey P. Walter, Rector. Address, Ponce, P. R. Rev. Johan F. Droste, Assistant. Wardens, Fernando Toro and Julius Umbach. Treasurer, John C. Du Boise. Clerk, A. S. Monefeldt.

Statistics.—Individuals, about 175. Baptized persons, 175. Communicants, 108. Teachers in Sunday Schools, 7; pupils, 100. Teacher in Parish School, 1; pupils, 55. Baptisms, infants, 15. Confirmations, 9. Marriages, 6. Burials, 8. Communicants, added by removal, 5; by confirmations, 9; lost by death, 3; by removal, 5. Average attendance at services, 65. Value of Church property, $12,000. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $394.32; Communion alms, $55.32; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $2,080; from other sources, $152.07; contributed for missions, $245.85; for other purposes, viz.: Clergy relief, $19; Delegate to General Convention, $10; St. Luke's Memorial Hospital, $118.07; sick fund, $24; poor, $55; furnishing rec-

tory, $145; New York Bible and Prayer Book Society, $2.60; Church Periodical Club, $2. Total Parish and other contributions, $1,223.23.

NOTE.—The resignation of the Rev. Henry P. Walter has been accepted and a Letter Dimissory has been given him to the Bishop of Central Pennsylvania. No successor has yet been appointed.

Ponce—*St. Luke's Memorial Hospital.*—Rev. Johan F. Droste, Minister-in-Charge. Address, Ponce, P. R.

Services held twice a week. Average attendance, 15.

San Juan, Puerta de Tierra—*St. Luke's Mission.*—Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Minister-in-Charge. Address, San Juan, P. R. Ernesto Rivera and Enrique Cuervos, Native Helpers; Mrs. Carmen Froilán, Mission Visitor. Treasurer, Paul Keen. Clerk, Napoleon F. John.

Statistics.—Individuals, 225. Baptized persons, 200. Communicants, 120. Teachers in Sunday Schools, 10; pupils, 180. Teachers in Parish School, 3; pupils, 100. Baptisms, infants, 12. Confirmations, 55. Marriages, 6. Burials, 10. Communicants, added by removal, 6; by confirmation, 55; lost by death, 2. Average attendance at services, 110. Value of Church property, $10,360.55. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $304.81; Communion alms, $14.66; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $2,214.77; from other sources, $401; contributed for missions, $44.85; for other purposes, viz., Bishop's present, Fifth Anniversary, $12. Total Parish and other contributions, $376.32.

NOTE.—The resignation of the Rev. Charles E. Snavely has been accepted, and the Rev. Elijah H. Edson enters upon the work July 15, 1908.

San Juan, Puerta de Tierra (upper end)—*St. Mark's Mission.*—Preaching Station. Rev. Charles E. Snavely, Missionary. Enrique Cuervos, Native Helper.

Statistics.—Individuals, 50. Baptized persons, 50 (Communicants included in St. Luke's). Teacher in Sunday School, 1; pupils, 20. Confirmations, 10. Communicants, added by confirmation, 10. Average attendance at services, 35.

San Juan—*Church of St. John the Baptist.*—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Rector. Address, San Juan, P. R. Paul Reinhardt, Catechist. Wardens, Henry W. Dooley and T. G. I. Waymouth. Treasurer, Hon. Regis H. Post. Clerk, Edward Mayers.

Statistics.—Individuals, American, 205; Porto Rican, 85. Baptized persons, 290. Communicants, American, 97; Porto Rican, 21. Teachers in Sunday School, 6; pupils, 81. Teachers in Parish School, 2; pupils, 85. Baptisms, infants, 7. Confirmations, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5.

(*c*) Delegates to the General Convention (in Convention years).
(*d*) Committee on Constitution and Canons (see Canon 13), to consist of two clergymen and one layman.
(*e*) Committee of three members, on the creation and increase of the fund for support of a bishop.
(*f*) Other elections, if there are any.

12. At three o'clock the Bishop's Annual Address, unless he shall prefer some other time.

13. Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.

14. Reports and action on them, as follows:

(*a*) By the Treasurer.
(*b*) By the Registrar.
(*c*) By the President of the Standing Committee.
(*d*) By the Chancellor.
(*e*) By the Committee on Episcopal Support.
(*f*) By the Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.
(*g*) By any other Officer or Committee of the Convocation.

15. Miscellaneous business.

16. Adjournment to the second day.

Order of Business Second Day of Convocation.

17. Morning Prayer at 8.30 a. m., by appointment of the Bishop.

18. Reading of the Minutes of the preceding day, and action on them.

19. The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjournment the day before, if any.

20. Reports from the several Missionaries, the Teachers, and other workers in the several parts of the District; each to occupy not more than ten minutes, unless by vote of the Convocation extending the time. These reports may be verbal or written, and shall be called for by the President of the Convocation.

21. Reports of any special committees on matters referred to them during the session.

22. At 2.30 p. m., miscellaneous business.

23. Reading of the Minutes, action on them, and after Prayers and Benediction, by the President, adjournment without day, unless another day is necessary for finishing the business. In that case the above shall be the order.

NOTE.—Services have also been held at Resoluición, Santa Maria, and Playa Grande. With a boat work could also be undertaken at Culebra, Fajardo, Naguabo, and Humacao. A new fence has been placed around the church and painted. The Parish hall has been painted inside. Lantern slides, a few books and magazines have been presented to the library. New benches have been placed in the church, and the old ones placed in Parish hall.

Vieques.—*St. Clement's Mission.*—Rev. Leonard Read, Minister-in-Charge. Instruction given by Parish worker.

SUMMARY.

Parishes and Missions	18
Clergy	7
Communicants	459
Sunday School Teachers	37
Sunday School Pupils	774
Parish School Teachers	10
Parish School Pupils	405
Baptisms	80
Confirmations	~~130~~ 116
Marriages	46
Burials	31
Total of Contributions	$5,463.01

XIII. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convocation may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

XIV. In a vote by Orders, if the delegates from a parish or mission are equally divided, the vote shall be cast, and marked "divided." And such vote shall not be considered as affecting the decision of the question one way or the other.

XV. A constitutional quorum consists of one-third of each Order, or representatives from a majority of the parishes and organized missions of the Convocation. Such quorum is necessary for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

XVI. All elections shall be by ballot.

XVII. For the suspension of the Rules of Order, or for the change of the Order of Business, the consent of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting shall be necessary.

Salary of Miss E. W. Barney, Bishop's Secretary at New Haven, Conn., to March, 1908	$151.65	
Printer's bill	69.65	
Sundry minor expenses of the Bishop in United States	20.65	
Part cost of erection of St. Luke's Church at Puerta de Tierra	2,365.02	
Purchase of school house at Mayagüez	2,566.30	
		$5,394.96
Balance in hand deposited in the American Colonial Bank		9.93
Total		$5,404.89

Prior to my taking charge there had been paid to Mr. Hatch, builder, on account of his contract for building St. Luke's Church, a sum of	$5,000.00
There is still due to Messrs. Gordon & Spaven for plumbing a balance of	106.62
Which, added to the amount paid by me	2,365.02
Makes a total cost of church, irrespective of lot on which it stands	$7,471.64
I received for Mayagüez School purchase	$2,600.00

The initial cost was	$2,500.00	
Lawyer's fee for examination of title deed	50.00	
Registrar's fee and stamps, etc.	16.30	
Balance forwarded to Treasurer of St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce, by order of Bishop Van Buren	33.70	
Total		$2,600.00

Respectfully submitted,

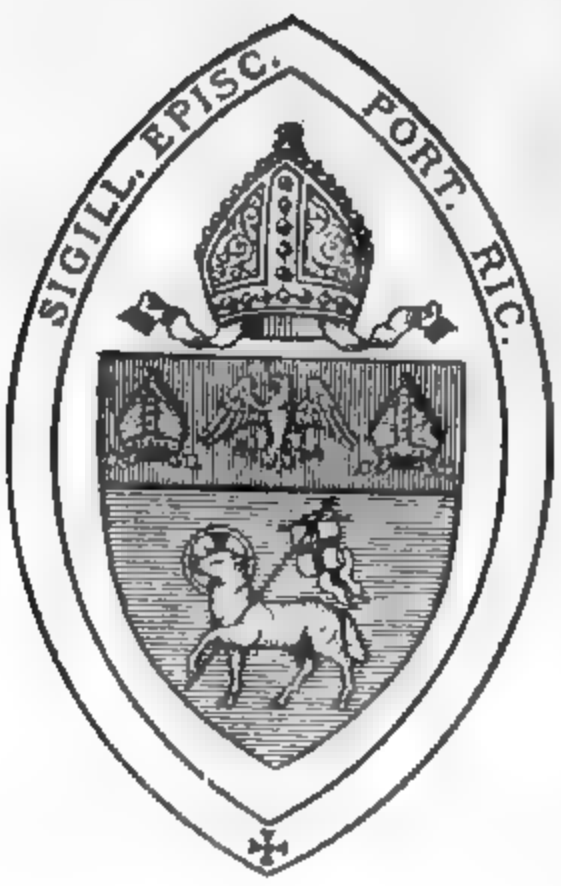
T. G. I. WAYMOUTH, *Treasurer.*

San Juan, P. R., May 12, 1908.

STATEMENT UP TO MAY 12, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

5.	Church Extension Fund	$10,221.74
6.	E. Walter Roberts, Assistant Treasurer Board of Missions	.43
14.	Gordon & Spaven	106.62
16.	Bishop's Discretionary Fund	180.56
18.	S. R. Davidson	2.16
	Total	$10,511.51


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MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF ST. LUKE, THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN, PONCE, P. R.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

NOVEMBER 1, 1907, TO APRIL 30, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand November 1, 1907			$1,175.68
Porto Rican subscriptions		$235.27	
United States subscription	$5,329.76		
Less transfer of account "Vessel Contribution" to "United States Subscription," money received prior to November 1st	45.00		
		5,284.76	
Nurses' Training Fund		240.00	
			5,760.03
			$6,935.71

DISBURSEMENTS.

Construction, Kaplan, plumbing	$193.00	
Construction, Pirazzi, building	1,500.00	
Hospital outfit	340.60	
Excavation	504.53	
*Nurses' salaries	480.00	
Supervising Engineer	438.75	
General expense	294.04	
General construction	2,224.46	
Maintenance account	158.84	
		6,134.22
Cash on hand May 1, 1908		$801.49

[SIGNED.] JULIUS UMBACH, *Treasurer.*

TRIAL BALANCE, APRIL 30, 1908.

1. Construction, Kaplan	$2,393.00	
2. Hospital lot	2,000.00	
3. Legal expense	19.95	
4. Construction, Pirazzi	15,160.00	

* From March, Mrs. Droste's salary of $60 *per mensem* has been debited to "Maintenance Account."

5.	Hospital outfit	$7,595.14	
6.	Excavation	2,501.71	
7.	Nurses' salaries	1,090.00	
8.	Supervising Engineer	1,138.75	
9.	Chapel outfit	100.00	
10.	General expense	805.45	
11.	General construction	4,180.90	
12.	Interest		$2.50
13.	Nurses' Fund		360.00
14.	Kny-Schurer Co.		2,585,85
15.	United States subscription		27,176.76
18.	Porto Rico subscription		5,062.66
20.	Frank A. Hall		730.80
21.	Maintenance account		507.82
23.	N. Pirazzi		1,360.00
C. B.	Cash on hand	801.49	
		$37,786.39	$37,786.39

[SIGNED] JULIUS UMBACH, *Treasurer.*

MRS. DROSTE'S ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

NOVEMBER, 1907, TO APRIL, 1908, INCLUSIVE.

RECEIPTS.

1907.			
November.	Patients	$181.45	
	Alms box	1.85	
	Through Dr. Vogel	73.23	
			$256.53
December.	Patients	$239.42	
	Alms box	6.45	
	Through Dr. Vogel	195.05	
			440.92
1908.			
January.	Patients	$167.21	
	Alms box	2.55	
	Through Dr. Vogel	100.00	
			269.76
February.	Patients	$337.00	
	Alms box	6.46	
	Through Dr. Vogel	150.00	
	Subscriptions	81.70	
			575.16

March.	Patients	$281.20	
	Alms box	4.50	
	Through Dr. Vogel	100.00	
	Subscriptions	81.69	
			$467.39
April.	Patients	$446.50	
	Alms box	8.61	
	Subscriptions	100.21	
			555.32
			$2.565.08

EXPENDITURES.

1907.			
November.	Sundries	$320.13	
December.	Sundries	353.75	
1908.			
January.	Sundries	357.78	
February.	Sundries	468.71	
March.	Sundries	458.23	
April.	Sundries	549.01	
			2,507.61
	Balance on hand May 1st		$57.47

tem.	Annual Rate in United States gold dollars.	
6. Running expenses St. Andrew's Mission.....	$120.00	
7. Rent of church building	300.00	
8. Miss E. H. McCollough[1]	800.00	
9. Rent of school	240.00	
10. School expenses, including salaries of Native Teachers, viz., Matilde Martinez and two assistants	780.00	
		$3,840.00
San Juan.		
1. The Rev. Frederick A. Warden[2] (half salary).	$800.00	
2. Miss Ethel Comstock[1] or successor	800.00	
3. Dolores Romañat,[1] Native Teacher	420.00	
4. School expenses	400.00	
		2,420.00
Ponce.		
15. The Rev. Harvey P. Walter or successor.....	$1,200.00	
16. Miss Frances Cuddy	800.00	
17. School expenses	72.00	
18. St. Luke's Hospital	1,000.00	
19. The Rev. J. F. Droste[3]	600.00[4]	
		3,672.00
Vieques.		
20. The Rev. Leonard P. Read	$800.00	
21. Miss Sarah R. Davidson[1]	450.00	
		1,250.00
Puerta de Tierra.		
22. The Rev. Charles E. Snavely or successor.....	$1,200.00	
23. Rent for Missionary	400.00	
24. School expenses and supplies.....	625.00	
25. Mrs. Carmen Froilán	300.00	
		2,525.00
Aguas Buenas.		
26. José Archilla, Catechist	$420.00	
27. Rent of mission building	84.00	
28. Travel	96.00	
		600.00

[1] Appointed under the Woman's Auxiliary United Offering.

[2] The congregation of the Church of St. John the Baptist at San Juan is to pay $800 a year in addition to above stipend.

[3] Employed in the field.

[4] Afterward increased to $800.

Item.		Annual Rate in United States gold dollars.
SANTURCE.		
29. Ernesto Rivera	$396.00	
30. Rent of church building	144.00	
		$540.00
Total		$18,547.00

E. and O. E.
CHURCH MISSIONS HOUSE,
281 Fourth Avenue, New York,
May 13, 1908.

A true copy.
Attest: JOSHUA KIMBER,
Associate Secretary.

APPENDIX IV.

REPORTS (Condensed).

REPORT OF SAN JUAN MISSION SCHOOL, 1908.

The San Juan Mission School opened September 29, 1907, with 26 children. This number increased to 79.

The average enrollment for the three terms was 63. Average attendance was 56.

The sewing class was discontinued because of the irregular attendance.

The children's choir continues to assist in the Spanish Sunday evening service. Children's service has been held in the church every Friday afternoon during the year.

The contents of two small boxes and the garments remaining from the Christmas distribution were sold for a few cents for each garment. The proceeds helped to supply the children with shoes.

Respectfully submitted,

San Juan, P. R., May 13, 1908. ETHEL COMSTOCK, *Principal.*

REPORT OF PONCE MISSION SCHOOL, 1908.

THE RIGHT REVEREND JAMES H. VAN BUREN, D.D.

PONCE, P. R., May 9, 1908.

Holy Trinity School opened this season September 30, 1907.

The enrollment for the year ending May 1, 1908, was 55, and the average attendance 39.

I sent up to the Grammar School six of my best pupils, who are doing good work in the fifth and sixth grades.

The Junior Auxiliary has worked faithfully this year, and has sent to the Board of Missions an offering of six dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES CUDDY, *Principal.*

REPORT OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, ST. ANDREW'S MISSION, MAYAGUEZ, P. R., FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1908.

1. The school this year has not advanced as we had hoped, through failure to obtain a higher educational staff. We expect at the opening of the new school year to reorganize under a competent American principal.

2. Our enrollment is 141, and the average attendance 115, compares very favorably with that of the public and other schools in the town.

3. Instruction to the third grade has been given by native teachers in English and Spanish, and twice weekly in the Catechism, by myself. Miss Taylor, of Roosevelt School, has kindly helped us by taking twice a week a class in sight singing.

4. Through a small fund, given by friends in the States, we have been able to assist needy children with shoes and clothes.

5. The purchase of the house we now occupy will enable us to make alterations for the better separation of the grades, until the new school house is built.

6. Miss Matilde Martinez, who has been with us as Senior Teacher since the opening of the school, retires at the end of this school year, as she is about to be married.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID W. BLAND, *Priest-in-Charge.*

REPORT OF PARISH HELPER, VIEQUES.

My work was resumed in November, after a vacation spent in the States.

The work has been taken up on the same lines as last year, with the addition of a class of women and girls at Esperanza. I go over once in two weeks. From fourteen to twenty usually meet me, and seem interested in the reading and instructions.

The Sunday School has increased, but the Bible Class has lost about fourteen, chiefly from removals, people going to San Juan, Fajado and other places to find work.

During Lent a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was organized with ten members, and has increased to fourteen. We meet once in two weeks, and have a talk about missions, illustrated with pictures.

A class of seven girls and young women meets three evenings in the week for reading and instruction. Four have been confirmed within the year.

The sewing class meets Saturday afternoons, and has grown as large as I can attend to.

Orders for drawn work come in occasionally, and we have sold a considerable amount for the workers.

A quantity of the work that I had bought was sold at good prices at a mission sale in Cleveland, and with the proceeds we have had new seats put in the church.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. DAVIDSON, *Parish Helper.*

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, VIEQUES.

Since my report last year the late Rector of this Parish has passed away to his rest. After a few days' illness of a painless character he died on July 14, 1907, and was interred on the following day by Bishop Van Buren, assisted by me. The large and representative gathering at his funeral gave evidence of the high esteem in which he was held. During the hour of his burial all the shops in the town were closed and the streets from the church to the cemetery were thickly lined by people.

During the year our Church has made considerable progress in respect to some of the much-needed requirements. Our Church land is no longer open for the festive gathering of goats, ducks and fowls, but is enclosed with a neat fence, which gives a pleasing effect and at the same time secures the flowers and plants from any unwelcome visitors.

The garden, now a possibility, Miss Davidson, by kindness, care and attention, has made to look quite attractive, and secures a supply of flowers for our altar decorations.

An adequate cistern is a very pressing need, for the few barrels now used are soon exhausted and then water must be purchased, and to-day an oil can costs six cents for each one for drinking purposes.

Our congregation has had many changes—persons leaving for the new sugar factories being erected, or working on the neighboring coast, some taking their families permanently, others only for a time.

It is a matter for sad reflection that when these people go away thus, they find many others (Church people), and all, until they return, are without any Church ministrations at all. From this island several important points could be served if I had a suitable boat; but a matter of $500 as a first outlay seems an impossible expense with our present financial condition. Something, however, should be done promptly, or great harm be done to the Church's influence amongst an already lukewarm people. This sum seems a small amount for such a boat, which I would propose to construct myself, and the above would be about the cost of material only. The cost of running it would, I feel sure, be covered by offerings made for the object by those enjoying the benefits of its service.

The new benches in our church have greatly increased the comfort of our congregation and the appearance of our church, and the change has enabled us to have the old church benches for use in our Parish hall, for the Sunday School and Sewing classes, and other meetings held there.

Our Parish library has had a few more volumes added to it, and occasional parcels of magazines and papers are much appreciated by our members.

The large fort overlooking the town has been altered and adopted

JOURNAL.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH,
PUERTA DE TIERRA, PORTO RICO.
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1909, 8.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. E. H. Edson, and the Rev. Leonard Read. The latter preached the sermon.

At 10 o'clock the Bishop took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

The election of a Secretary being in order, it was moved and carried, That the Chair cast one ballot for Mr. George L. Nelson, as Secretary.

The Chair accordingly cast such a ballot and announced that Mr. Nelson was elected.

The Chair appointed as the Committee on Qualifications the Rev. F. A. Warden and the Secretary.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Convocation as follows (the names of those not present at any time are printed in italics):

LIST OF CLERGY CANONICALLY RESIDENT.

The Right Reverend James Heartt Van Buren, D.D., Bishop.

The Rev. David W. Bland.	The Rev. Frederick A. Warden.
The Rev. Leonard Read.	The Rev. Elijah H. Edson.

The Rev. Johan F. Droste.

Total number of clergy, 6. Present, 5; absent, 1.

LIST OF ORGANIZED PARISHES AND MISSIONS AND OF LAY DELEGATES FROM SAME (THE NAMES OF THOSE NOT PRESENT AT ANY TIME ARE PRINTED IN ITALICS):

Place.	Parish or Mission.	Lay Delegates.
Mayagüez,	St. Andrew's Mission,	Gerhardt Monefeldt.
		Francisco Aquerón.

APPENDIX V.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CONVOCATION OF PORTO RICO.

Order of Business First Day of the Convocation.

1. At 8.30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.

2. At the conclusion of the Holy Communion, the Bishop shall take the Chair and call the Convocation to order.

3. Election of a Secretary by ballot.

4. Roll call by the Secretary, the List to be provided by the Bishop.

5. Appointment by the Bishop of a Committee on Qualifications, to whom shall be referred any questions touching membership. Undisputed names and credentials to be acted on at once without debate. Questions raised or referred to the Convocation by the Committee on Qualifications to be laid aside temporarily.

6. A constitutional quorum being present, in both orders, the President shall declare the Convocation organized for business.

7. The President shall announce the appointment of the following:

(*a*) The Chancellor.
(*b*) A Committee on the Admission of new Parishes and Missions, to consist of one clergyman and one layman.
(*c*) The Committee on Finance, to consist of the Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.
(*d*) A Committee on Unfinished Business.
(*e*) A Committee on Nominations.
(*f*) The Standing Committee.
(*g*) The Auditing Committee of three.

8. The receiving and referring of papers relating to the admission of new Parishes and Missions.

9. Report of Committee on Qualifications temporarily laid aside. Action to be taken immediately after discussion.

10. Presentation of any subject that is to be referred without debate, to special committees for their subsequent report.

11. At 2.30 p. m., the Elections of Officers and Committees, the Committee on Nominations having their report ready to offer, and the election to follow immediately; other nominations being always in order. The President shall announce what elections are to follow, viz.:

(*a*) Treasurer.
(*b*) Registrar.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the order of Miscellaneous Business be taken up.

The Bishop announced that a Missionary service would be held in the church in the evening at 8 o'clock.

There being no immediate business before the Convocation, the Chair called on Mr. Austin James to tell of his work in the St. Luke's Parish School.

The Rev. A. S. Jukes told something of the work in Holy Trinity Parish School in Ponce.

The Committee on Nominations having their report ready, the list of nominations was read.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the Convocation proceed to the election of officers and committees.

There being no other nominations, it was moved, seconded and carried, That the Secretary cast one ballot for the officers and committees as nominated.

The Secretary then cast such a ballot and announced the elections as follows:

Treasurer.

Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

Registrar.

Rev. Frederick A. Warden.

Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Rev. Frederick A. Warden,
Rev. David W. Bland,
Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

Committee on Episcopal Support.

Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth,
Rev. Leonard Read,
Rev. E. H. Edson.

Delegates to Missionary Council.

Rev. E. H. Edson,
Hon. Laurence Grahame.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the order of business No. 14 be taken up.

Under this order of business, the Treasurer then read his report. (See Appendix III.)

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the Convocation tender a vote of thanks and appreciation to the Treasurer for his excellent and careful work.

The Rev. F. A. Warden, who had been doing the active work for the Registrar, then read

The Registrar's Report:

During the year I have received and filed all the Journals of the Dioceses and Missionary Districts for 1908, save 31, and many catalogues of educational and other institutions. Through the kindness of the Bishop, ample provision for filing space has been provided.

LEONARD READ,
Registrar.

There having been no work for the Council of Advice during the year, the President made a verbal report, which was, upon motion, accepted.

The Chancellor not being present, there was no report.

Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth reported for the Committee on Episcopal Support, that there had been no meetings during the year.

The Bishop reported verbally for the Committee on the Establishment of a Theological School, and explained some of the difficulties encountered on account of a total lack of theological books in Spanish. The Rev. David W. Bland gave an account of the work on which he was engaged in connection with the committee in Cuba in the translation of the Prayer Book and the compilation of Sunday-school lessons, and the work he had done in translating church hymns into Spanish.

It was moved, seconded and carried, That the reports be accepted.

Owing to the noise made by the rain on the roof of the church, which made it impossible to hear what was being said, it was moved, seconded and carried, That the Convocation adjourn till 2.30 o'clock p. m.

At 2.30 o'clock the Bishop called the Convocation to order.

The Rev. Frederick A. Warden reported verbally for the Committee on a Monthly Church Paper.

It was moved by the Rev. Leonard Read, and carried, That, on the understanding that the acceptance of the report did not commit the Convocation to the publishing of a paper, the report be accepted.

After some discussion, it was moved by the Rev. E. H. Edson, and carried, That the Committee on a Monthly Church Paper be authorized to proceed and get out a sample edition of 500 copies of such a paper, at a cost not to exceed $25.00, and that they be distributed to the clergy in charge of all Parishes and Missions for distribution amongst the church people for the purpose of securing subscribers to such paper.

The report of Dr. Carl Vogel, the Medical Director of St. Luke's Memorial Hospital, Ponce, was read in abstract and explained in detail by the Bishop. (See Appendix III.)

It was moved, seconded and carried, That our thanks be extended to the Medical Director of St. Luke's Hospital for the courteous report of the institution with which he has favored this Convocation.

At 3.30 o'clock the Bishop read his Annual Address.

At its conclusion, it was moved by the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, and carried:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to convey to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Antigua the respectful greetings of this Convocation, together with an expression of our tender sympathy for him in his illness, and our prayers for his recovery, if it be the will of God.

It was moved by the Rev. E. H. Edson, and carried:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to purchase of property at Mayagüez and the Park district of San Juan, be referred to a committee of five, consisting of the Bishop, the clergy in charge at these two places, the Secretary and the Treasurer of this Missionary District, for the purpose of ascertaining the desirability of said purchase, and of providing better accommodations for the work; and to take counsel with the Board of Missions as to the best way of meeting similar needs.

It was moved by Mr. Monefeldt, and carried:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to increasing the number of Lay Readers be referred to a committee of three laymen, members of this Convocation, to report at this session any recommendations which may bring about the desired result.

The Bishop appointed as such a committee:

Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt,
Mr. Edward Mayers,
Mr. George L. Nelson.

It was moved by the Rev. David W. Bland, and carried:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Theological Seminary in Cuba be referred to the Committee on Theological Training which was appointed at the last Convocation, and that the same committee enter into correspondence with the authorities of the Cuban Seminary with a view to advancing the cause of educating a native ministry in Porto Rico.

The Bishop then read the *Report of the Committee on Finance:*

In accordance with Article VII of the Constitution, the Committee on Finance respectfully reports: That it has lost from its membership Mr. Courtney C. Nairn, by his removal from Porto Rico.

That the other two members have met from time to time, and they beg to present as their estimate for the necessary expense of the Convocation for this year the sum of $100 for printing the Journal and for mailing the same. This sum they recommend to be raised by apportioning the same to the several parishes and missions, the amount apportioned for each to be communicated to the several clergy by the Treasurer of the Missionary District within one month after adjournment of the Convocation.

They recommend that the Convocation fix the number of copies of the JOURNAL at 400.

As there will be an election next year of Delegates to the General Convention, it is the opinion of the Finance Committee that it should be stated at that time that no provision for traveling or other expenses of the Delegates should be made as a charge upon the parishes and missions of the district.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. VAN BUREN,
T. G. I. WAYMOUTH,
Finance Committee.

It was moved and seconded, That the report be accepted and passed as recommended.

An amendment was offered, seconded and carried, That paragraph 3 be amended to read: "That the number of JOURNALS to be printed be left to the discretion of the Bishop and the Secretary."

An amendment was offered, seconded and carried, That paragraph 4 of the report be amended to read: "That an assessment be levied by the Bishop and Financial Committee for the payment of the traveling expenses of the clerical delegate to the General Convention next year."

The report as amended was then adopted as a whole.

It being 5 o'clock, it was moved and carried, That the Convocation adjourn till 8 o'clock a. m., Wednesday.

SECOND DAY.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH,
PUERTA DE TIERRA.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 1909, 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. E. H. Edson and the Rev. A. S. Jukes.

The Bishop called the Convocation to order at 9.30 o'clock.

The Secretary read the minutes for the preceding day, which were, upon motion, approved.

Reports from the various missionaries, teachers and workers were then called for.

Miss Ida McCollough, of the Parish School in Mayagüez, made a verbal report of the school work there.

Miss Lettice Kennedy read a report of her work in the Parish School at St. John the Baptist's Church, in San Juan, (See Appendix IV.)

The Rev. E. H. Edson read the report of Mrs. Luther, of the Parish School at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, and added to it verbally himself. (See Appendix IV.)

The Rev. Leonard Read read the report of Miss Davidson, of the Parish School at Vieques, and supplemented it by a verbal report. (See Appendix IV.)

The Bishop made a short address in regard to the school work in general, which was supplemented by the Rev. E. H. Edson, and it was, upon motion,

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this Convocation that the work of the parish schools of this Jurisdiction is of the utmost importance and ought to be treated accordingly.

The Bishop read the report of Miss Frances Cuddy, of the Parish School of Holy Trinity Parish, Ponce. (See Appendix IV.)

Mr. José Archilla, catechist, made a verbal report in Spanish of his work at the various mission stations in Aguas Buenas.

Mr. Enrique Cuervos, catechist, made a verbal report in Spanish of his work in Puerta de Tierra and the Leper Colony.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons brought up the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Canons, but in the absence of the Chancellor, it was moved and carried, That the report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons be received and final action thereupon be deferred until the next Annual Convocation.

It was moved and carried, That the report of the Treasurer of St. Luke's Hospital be received by title and accepted. (See Appendix III.)

Mr. Monefeldt reported for the Committee on Lay Leaders that there had been no meeting and that they had nothing as yet to report.

It was moved and carried, That the Committee be continued and report at the next Convocation.

The Rev. David W. Bland read a report of his work at Mayagüez. (See Appendix IV.)

It was moved and carried, That congratulations be conveyed to our sister in the Mayagüez Mission, Mrs. David W. Bland, on the marked improvement in her health after prolonged illness.

That a similar message be conveyed to the Rev. A. S. Jukes for our sympathy in the serious illness of Mrs. Jukes, requiring her having been sent to her native home in England by steamer, yet on the way, and that she and her family have our prayers for her full and rapid recovery and return to her home in Ponce in perfect health.

That we beg to convey our sincerest congratulations to Bishop Van Buren on the information given us about Mrs.

Van Buren's marked late improvement in health and the probability that she may soon be able to join her husband in perfect health.

The Rev. Leonard Read read a report of his work at Vieques. (See Appendix IV.)

It was moved and carried, That after the reading of the minutes and action on them, and Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourn without day.

It was moved and carried, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Rector and congregation of St. Luke's Parish for their kindness in giving hospitality to the clergy and lay delegates at the Convocation.

The Secretary then read the minutes, which were, upon motion, approved.

After Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourned without day.

JAMES H. VAN BUREN,
Bishop of Porto Rico.

Attest:

GEORGE L. NELSON,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

At the Fifth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico, St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, May 11, 1909.

By the Right Reverend James H. Van Buren, D.D.

Dear Brethren: May the blessings of God be with you all. Amen. As we assemble from year to year in annual council, the conviction grows stronger that the first and best fruit of our Convocation is spiritual. The occasions when we may all meet together, are not many. Let us signalize them by imparting to one another of the wisdom, helpfulness, sympathy and consideration which God has placed in each heart and life, that we may cheer one another on to new courage and stronger patience for the work which He has given us to do.

Our difficulties will seem less if we share them. Our responsibilities will be more clear if we look upon them with the eyes of a generous rivalry. Our burdens we shall more lovingly bear for one another if we do not permit ourselves to forget that every one of us has his own burden to bear. Our source of strength will be seen to be unfailing if we seek it of Him who declares, "My grace is sufficient for thee," and permits us to gather, as the members of one great family, at His own Holy Table and partake of "that bread of life which cometh down from heaven."

The loneliness which might oppress us with overwhelming weight, will disappear if we not only derive new inspiration for ourselves from the Master's words: "I am not alone, for the Father is with me," but also in our corporate communion remind one another of the apostolic reflection, "We being many"—not few, but many—"are one body and one bread, for we are all partakers of that one bread."

Carrying the banner of the Cross, as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, it will matter little whether the palm tree of the tropics or the wintry sky of arctic regions be over our heads; providing we keep always in mind the inspiring fact that we are a part of God's "Holy Church throughout all the world," the visible manifestation of the Kingdom of God, whose growth may at times seem slow but which never is planted but to grow. Ours it is to plant and water, which being faithfully done, God will give the increase.

During the year since last we met in Convocation, three of our Bishops have entered into rest.

Edward Jennings Knight, whose brief nine months of episcopal service in Western Colorado were splendid with a heroism which should inspire all other missionaries, fell like a soldier at his post. Henry Codman Potter, whose name was no small part of the history of New York, has likewise ceased from his labors, and left to the Church a record of service that is the record of a king and of a mighty man. George de Normandie Gillespie, of Western Michigan, has been gathered to his fathers in the fullness of a venerable old age, after many years of episcopal care and toil, a patriarch and prophet in Israel.

Of those who, in our own near and immediate circle have fallen asleep, during the year that is past, I may recall only one to your remembrance, for I am not in possession of all their names, though I offer, to all who are bereaved, a loving sympathy in which I am sure you all unite. But of Mr. Frederick L. Hill, of San Juan, who passed away last autumn, a comparatively young man, I desire to say, that if every baptized Christian in Porto Rico were animated by an equal desire to help forward to the extent of his ability, the work of the Church, it is safe to say that our influence, strength and progress would be measured by ten times the present figures at the least. It is a blessed thing to record that in the time of his last illness, Mr. Hill had the tender ministrations of two of our devoted clergy and that the members of the legal profession who were associated with him in his life paid tribute to him in his death. To his friends and relatives, and to all who

have been called to mourn, we extend sincerest sympathy and commend them to His infinite love whose compassions fail not.

(A pause being made, the Bishop said the usual prayers.)

It would only weary you were I to attempt to tell in detail all the good work that has been done, during the year, at each of the eighteen places where we are represented. And such an attempt would fail because it would not only be incomplete but also because the best part of our work cannot be recorded in any table of statistics. Your prayers, your sacrifices, your self-denials, your ministrations, especially in sickness or in affliction, and all the variety of your service can be but imperfectly told. How many times you have preached, it is easy to reckon. But how much earnest, Christlike spirit went into your sermons does not submit to be recorded.

Let me however bear testimony that wherever I have gone among you in the course of my visitation I have found an earnestness and diligence whose fruits are sure to appear. In your Parochial Reports you will tell what can be told of your official acts. In the Journal of Convocation will be published also the work of the various officers and committees, teachers and other helpers, so far as they can be recorded. But there is a better recognition than this in the approval of Him who sees as man does not see, and who says, "Blessed are ye who sow beside all waters." May none of us fail to win that approval.

Appended to this address will be published as usual a list of my official acts. From that record I may be permitted to mention that on February 10th, I attended a meeting of the House of Bishops in New York. Two new missionary Bishops were chosen, both of whom have accepted their election: the Rev. Nathaniel S. Thomas of Philadelphia, consecrated on May 6, to be the Bishop of Wyoming, and the Rev. Benjamin Brewster of Salt Lake City, who will be consecrated on June 17, to be the Bishop of Western Colorado. From personal acquaintance I have reason to believe that both these men will administer the sacred trust of the Episcopate with fidelity and honor.

At the meeting of the House of Bishops a petition, signed by over 1,100 priests of the Church, was presented, asking for some interpretative utterance or expression of opinion, touching the amendment to Canon 19, which amendment was enacted in the General Convention of 1907. In the decision of the House of Bishops that it was not competent for us at that meeting to comply with the wishes of the memorialists, I fully concur. And inasmuch as our refusal has been criticized I hold myself at liberty to say, speaking only for myself, that while I regret that any number of our clergy feel that the amendment to Canon 19 is in contradiction to the law and order of the Church, as set forth in the Book of Common Prayer, yet I am convinced that such a feeling is wholly unwarranted by the facts.

In my opinion, the amendment is restrictive, and cannot be otherwise regarded. If parish clergy were in the way of inviting Christian men, not ordained ministers or members of this Church, to make addresses to their congregations, this amendment plainly declares that such a practice is not permitted. A bishop may so invite, for special occasions, but a parish priest may not.

That there are Christian men, not of our own communion, whom it would be a privilege and an advantage to hear, on special occasions and on special subjects, I have no doubt. But the amendment seems to me to make the invitation in such cases equivalent to a license, and the issuance of licenses clearly falls within the province of the Bishop alone.

Aside from the merits of this aspect of the amendment however, it is my conviction that the House of Bishops has no right to interpret legislation framed with the concurrence of the House of Deputies, except when it is sitting as a part of the General Convention, where the House of Deputies has a right and an opportunity to join in such interpretation.

It is obviously impossible for the House of Bishops to say what is in the mind of the House of Deputies. And for us to assume the power of divination to the extent of officially declaring that this or that was what the General Convention meant, would have been a usurpation on our part, (at least

that is my opinion,) which would have laid us open to serious and well founded criticism. Bishops are accustomed to criticism, and they either bear it in silence and learn wisdom by it, or else defend themselves, like other men. But it would have been a mistake whereby we would have both invited and deserved criticism had our decision been other than what it was. I am still more firmly of this opinion when I remind myself that we were only a bare majority of one element of the General Convention, and that any interpretation we might have given would not only have been an attempt to speak for the other element, that is the House of Deputies, but also that we would have been speaking for the absent members of the House of Bishops as well.

I have the right and the duty to administer the laws of the Church, in Porto Rico, and to say what is my understanding of the canons which govern us in our work. But I have not unlimited jurisdiction, and other Bishops have the same right that I enjoy to place their own interpretation on the canons.

Neither they nor I, however, have any right to interpret the canons in such a way as to empty them of sense and meaning. I do not believe any Bishop would do so.

It is probable that this subject will come up for action at the next General Convention, and it will be our duty to abide by whatever action may be taken at that time. The House of Bishops does not legislate; neither does it interpret. It leaves interpretation and administration to the individual conscience of each Bishop, who is bound not only to interpret and administer but also himself to obey.

I turn from this subject, which possibly has more interest for the clergy than for the laity, though it concerns both, to another which lies near to my heart. I refer to the great and important service which laymen might render in extending the Church in a missionary district like our own.

Some of our laymen, it is true, do as much as can be reasonably asked, in view of other duties and responsibilities. I am devoutly thankful that it is so. But let me remind the others that there is a duty resting on them also, as members

of the Body of Christ which is His Church. This is not "a ministers' Church." It is "a body having many members; and all members have not the same office." But all members have some office, and it is just as important that the layman perform his office as it is that the clergyman perform his.

Now there are places in this Island, you know this as well as I, where there are laymen, signed with the sign of the Cross, where the sound of united prayer and praise is never heard. I heard of one such place very recently, and I made bold to say on behalf of some of our clergy as well as of myself, that if the people there would provide for the traveling expenses and entertainment necessary, both the neighboring clergy and myself would gladly come, from time to time, and hold services there. I will go farther than this. I stand ready to license as a lay reader any male communicant of this Church, no matter where he may be, within my jurisdiction, who may be willing to open a mission for the people in his neighborhood. I will go farther still. I will promise for any of my brethren of the clergy, and for myself, that we will come and minister publicly or privately, as often as we can, without pay, if the laity will see that the small necessary expenses are met, since no one of the clergy should be asked to assume the burden of such charges however small. And I know perfectly well that no layman would wish a minister to add to his own expenses.

But I will go still farther. If any layman will indicate his willingness to act as a lay reader, I will make every effort to secure for his mission the necessary furniture, and help him with the rent of a suitable room.

To be quite definite, I wish to open new missions this year at the following eight places: Fajardo, Culebra, Rio Piedras, Caguas, Aguadilla, Campo Alegre, Arecibo and Yauco. With our present clerical force alone this is impossible, for our clergy are already covering all the territory they ought to attempt. But with the help of the laity and the possible addition of two or three more clergymen whose appointment I have asked for, we can do it.

Services have been begun at Guanica the past year by the

Rev. Mr. Jukes, of Ponce, and there is no reason why we ma not, during the present year, add the eight other places I hav mentioned to our list, if we can secure the help of a fe devoted laymen who are willing, for Christ's sake, to undertak lay readers' work.

At the request of the Bishop of Antigua, who is ill, I ar expecting to visit some of the Leeward Islands, soon afte Convocation, for the purpose of administering confirmatio I am glad to be able to do this, and I would rejoice if I coul do more, to help the Bishop and the congregations in tha neighboring diocese.

In a recent number of *The Spirit of Missions,* for Apri I think, there is an account of the Theological Seminar which has been opened for the training of native candidate for the ministry in Cuba. Although conditions here are ver different from those in Cuba, still I commend that article t the careful attention of the members of this Convocation, a giving an example we would do well to imitate. The nee of a native ministry is a pressing one; it is a subject which con tains many interesting problems, not least of which is the lac of text-books in Spanish which we may use in teaching candi dates. But while we already are solving the problem in a meas ure, both by the teaching which some of our clergy are givin in their own parishes, and by having three of our native youn men trained in schools and seminaries in the States, yet shall be glad to take counsel with you, if by any means we ma reach a better and more effectual solution of the problem. I will be well to study the example of Cuba in this regard, tha we may learn how our neighbors meet and conquer the dif ficulties we also encounter.

At St. Luke's Memorial Hospital, Ponce, we have, dur ing the year past, added a second story to the main building at a cost of $8,000, which sum was given for that purpose the addition being a memorial to Mr. Thomas J. Emery.

By means of this gift, the efficiency of the Hospital ha already been greatly increased, the new part enabling us t accommodate a greater number of private patients, and th additional revenue enabling us to extend the amount of wor

the Hospital is doing for people who have not the ability to pay.

It is a pleasure to report that the Hospital has now been in operation for a year and a half, that it is entirely paid for, that it has met all its running expenses, and that fifty per cent of its patients have received the benefits of the Hospital and medical treatment, absolutely free of charge.

I doubt if many institutions of similar magnitude can exhibit a better record, and I commend to your attention the reports which the management of the Hospital will render to this Convocation, asking also that you will remember its work in your prayers.

I beg to remind you of the annual apportionment of $150, which is asked of this Missionary District for the General Missionary work of the Church. We should bear in mind not only that the Board of Missions appropriates upward of $18,000 a year for our work in Porto Rico, which amount I have asked to have increased by $5,000 for the ensuing year, but also that your Bishop has had to raise, by his own solicitation, from $10,000 to $15,000 a year besides, for special purposes not provided for by the Board of Missions, such as purchase of property, equipment of schools and missions, making not less than $30,000 a year which comes to us, oftentimes, as the gift of people no richer than ourselves, and oftentimes as a real act of sacrifice and self-denial.

Let me then urge you, not only to make your contribution of $150 willingly and gladly, but to see to it that the offerings for this purpose be sent promptly to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

Let me in addition, ask that you to whom the care of our several congregations is committed, cultivate in your people the spirit of self-support. Just as we should be ashamed to ask our neighbors to pay our own household expenses, so should we cultivate in our parishes and missions the self-respect which comes of refusing to be "objects of charity," in the common use of the phrase, any longer than is absolutely necessary.

I say this with full appreciation of the fact that much of

our work is among the poor and lowly. I do not intend to be unmindful of the fact that they possess very limited resources; but we must do what we can for ourselves, or else we have no right to ask help.

For this reason I have asked the clergy, this year, in estimating what their needs would be, to indicate what amount of self-support their people are making as their contribution to the work. The same item comes first in the form for Parochial Reports, and I now urge the clergy to use all diligence to cultivate the spirit of self-support among their people, as regards the maintenance of the Church, and thus deepen in them the idea that their religion is worth something which gold and silver may represent but cannot measure.

There is one kind of responsibility which now comes upon the Bishop, which I would be glad to divide. It is not because of any desire to escape a duty, but because I think it would be of advantage to the work, that I ask for the wise counsel of some of the laymen, in the matter of buying property; both as regards the price which is asked, and as regards the location and other considerations calling for careful decision. I do not claim any sort of infallibility and I am sure that it would tend to an economical expenditure of such funds as are entrusted to me if I could call in consultation such lay members of the Council of Advice as might be accessible, without trying to assemble all the members of that Council, to give me their best judgment in any such matter.

For instance, I am offered two pieces of property at the present time, both of which we are renting. One of them occupied for the use of the Mission of the Annunciation, near the Park in Santurce, seems a very reasonable and I might say generous offer. The other, where we are holding services at Mayagüez, I am also inclined to regard as a reasonable offer. In such cases, however, it would be better, I think, if I were not called on to decide without the advice of business men whose opinion is entitled to and has my respect and my confidence.

I have frequently asked in an informal way for such opinions and have found myself very much aided thereby, but

it seems to me that it might well form a part of the duty of the members of the Council of Advice, either clerical or lay, to help me avoid possible extravagance or other errors, to which I am quite as liable as anybody.

I am the more concerned for this at the present time for another reason. The Board of Missions, to whom I applied for help in the purchase of these two pieces of property, have sent me the following reply:

> *Resolved,* That, in response to his inquiry, the Bishop of Porto Rico be informed that the Board regrets that it cannot at this time make any appropriation for the purchase of property at Mayagüez or at San Juan; and would respectfully suggest to the Bishop that the present is not an opportune time in which to make a special appeal for this purpose.

I do not interpret this resolution to mean, "We cannot furnish the money and we do not wish you to ask the Church for it." The Board of Missions has never taken that attitude toward my efforts. It simply declares that it is unable to appropriate and suggests that the present is not "an opportune time in which to make a special appeal for this purpose."

There are always some who feel that a special appeal is an interference with the regular appeals which the Board itself is putting forth in order to meet its obligations, and that special appeals diminish regular income.

I regard this opinion as a mistake. I believe that every special appeal increases missionary interest by giving specific information and by exciting missionary enthusiasm. I have had a good many missionary bishops speak in my parishes when I was in parochial work, and I always found that they left behind them more than they took away.

I have had a good many of the parochial clergy tell me that my appeals had made it easier for them to raise the regular apportionment asked by the Board of Missions.

In the present case, it may be that the Board is influenced by the unhappy political situation in Porto Rico. That situation I regard as temporary, and I have told the Board of Missions that while men entitled to respect regard the situation with more or less concern, yet that it is their opinion that

wiser counsels will prevail. At the same time, one must exercise proper caution.

In this view also, I would be glad of the advice of men of business sagacity. For unless our resources are supplemented, either through appropriations from the Board or else by the efforts of the Bishop, who does exactly what all other missionary bishops are accustomed to do in this regard, a bar is placed in the way of all progress.

No one who knows, as I know, what Mr. Bland is enduring at Mayagüez for lack of a suitable place in which to minister, no one who knows, as I know, what Mr. Warden is doing for the Mission of the Annunciation in the Park district, and what generosity is being manifested by the owner of the property at that point, could for a moment hesitate—at least I feel so—in saying, "We must buy and improve those two places at the earliest possible moment."

I am anxious, dear brethren, to render all respect and deference due to the Board of Missions. But I must also stand by you and your people in obtaining the necessary equipment for your work.

I do not think our work has been extravagantly planned, nor do I consider these present plans to involve any wasteful expenditure. I recognize, however, the obligations resting on the parishes in the States, and would not add a burden.

But here we are. The Church has a responsibility to Porto Rico. I did not create that responsibility. I am trying to help the Church to meet it. And until I have reason to think the strength of the Church's great membership of 3,500,000 with 900,000 communicants has been exhausted I shall continue to think that God will expect the Church to provide things necessary, and that the great heart of the Church will be glad to do it.

Sometimes I hear people say, "Oh, there are so many requirements, so many responsibilities, so many burdens!" And I answer, "Yes, isn't it splendid! God never leaves us a single day in which we cannot serve Him!"

Translate Responsibility into Opportunity, and you will find Resource equal to Requirement. Let the Church's enormous wealth be consecrated to God and Humanity. Let the

rich contribute anything like a fair measure as compared with the poor and the people of moderate means, and the problem will be solved, nay, so far as the finances are concerned, there will be no problem at all!

But it is our part to show to the people who are asked to help sustain our work, that it is planned on a wisely economical basis. This is only fair dealing. We have no right, and I know we have no disposition, to ask for luxury. But it must be made clear to the Church in the home land that not only are our requirements based upon a reasonable estimate of the cost, but that in many cases our missionaries and their families are subjected to privation and self-denial which, though it be cheerfully borne, yet may be crowding economy too far.

As I look about me upon the work that invites our efforts. I see it rich in opportunity and abundant in promise. Let us take counsel together how best we may do the work, and set forward the salvation of all who are committed to our care.

Since writing the foregoing, I have received news of the death of Mr. George C. Thomas, of Philadelphia, Treasurer of the Board of Missions. His death is an affliction in which the whole Church mourns, for his life was an example in which all rejoiced. It will be hard to fill the office he has been called to leave, for there are few men to whom are given in such measure the qualities which were combined in him.

The best tribute we can pay to his memory is to fulfil, to the limit of our ability, the work of extending the Kingdom of God to which he devoted himself. In his example may we all find a call to more entire consecration.

During the year I have confirmed as follows:

May 10, 1908, at St. John's Church, San Juan	14
December 6, 1908, at Holy Trinity, Ponce	8
January 20, 1909, at St. Andrew's Church, Mayagüez	7
Total in Porto Rico	29
Also, March 19, at All Saints' Church, Leonia, N. J.	1
April 10, at St. Paul's Church, Brooklyn, L. I.	19
Total	49

I have baptized as follows:

December 20, 1908, at St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce	1
December 27, 1908, at St. Luke's Hospital Ponce	1
Total (infants)	2

I have solemnized three burials as follows:

June 16, 1908, at Watertown, N. Y.	1
July 29, 1908, at Watertown, N. Y.	1
December 9, 1908, at St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce	1
Total	3

I have given Letters Dimissory as follows:

May 14, 1908, to Rev. H. P. Walter, to Central Pennsylvania.
October 17, 1908, to Rev. C. E. Snavely, to Cuba.

I have received Letter Dimissory as follows:

September 29, 1908, of Rev. E. H. Edson, from Milwaukee.

I have issued a License to Officiate as follows:

February 25, 1909, to Rev. A. S. Jukes, of the Diocese of Albany, for three months, at Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, pending receipt of his Letter Dimissory.

I have issued Lay Reader's License as follows:

July 22, 1908, to Mr. Alexander E. Horton, at Holy Trinity Church, Ponce.
February 2, 1909, to Mr. Joaquin Medina, at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra.
March 9, 1909, to Don Francisco S. Aquerón, at St. Andrew's Church, Mayagüez.

I have renewed Lay Reader's License as follows:

December 15, 1908, for Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, at St. Andrew's Church, Mayagüez.
May 4, 1909, for Mr. José Archilla, at Aguas Buenas.

Churches Consecrated.

January 31 I consecrated the Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, and St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra.

I have delivered sermons or addresses, 149.

Episcopal Acts.

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ay 12. At St. John's Church, San Juan. Fourth Annual Convocation of Porto Rico.

ay 13. Same.

ay 14. Gave Letter Dimissory to Rev. H. P. Walter to Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

lay 17, *Fourth Sunday after Easter.* At home. Read the prayers; attended a Roman Catholic Confirmation service.

lay 24, *Fifth Sunday after Easter.* At sea. Steamship "Coamo;" preached.

lay 31, *Sunday after Ascension.* Easton, Pa. Read prayers at sanitarium.

ıne 7, *Whitsun Day.* Watertown, N. Y. Trinity Church, celebrated Holy Communion twice and preached. Afternoon, addressed Sunday-school. Evening, officiated and preached.

ıne 11, *St. Barnabas' Day.* Same. Celebrated Holy Communion.

ıne 14, *Trinity Sunday.* Same. Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, Litany and sermon. Afternoon, Sunday-school. Evening, service and sermon.

ıne 16. Same. Officiated at a burial service. Afternoon and evening, attended Convocation at Carthage, N. Y., made address.

ıne 17. Carthage, N. Y. Addressed Woman's Auxiliary.

ıne 18. Watertown, N. Y. Made address at the Graduation Exercises of Nurses.

ıne 19. Gave canonical consent to election of a Bishop-Coadjutor for Virginia.

ıne 20. Received acceptance of Letter Dimissory of May 14.

ıne 21, *First Sunday after Trinity.* Watertown, N. Y. Trinity Church, Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and sermon. Evening Prayer and sermon.

une 23. Commencement at Yale. Address at class reunion.

June 28, *Second Sunday after Trinity.* Watertown, N. Y. Trinity Church, Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, Litany, sermon. Evening Prayer and sermon.

June 29, *St. Peter's Day.* Same. Holy Communion.

July 2. Adams, N. Y. Emmanuel Church, address.

July 5, *Third Sunday after Trinity.* Watertown, N. Y. Trinity Church, Holy Communion twice, preached. Evening Prayer and sermon.

July 12, *Fourth Sunday after Trinity.* Same. Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, Litany and sermon. Evening Prayer.

July 16. Same. Took part in a burial service.

July 19, *Fifth Sunday after Trinity.* Same. Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and sermon. Evening Prayer.

July 22. Issued Lay Reader's License to Mr. Alexander E. Horton, of Ponce.

Morning Prayer, sermon. Evening Prayer.

August 23, *Tenth Sunday after Trinity.* Clifton Springs, N. Y. St. Paul's Church, preached. Evening, made address at tarium.

August 30, *Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.* Ridgefield, Conn Stephen's Church, made address A. M. and evening.

September 6, *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.* Clayton, N. Y. Christ Church, address. Afternoon, Lafargeville, N. Y., St. Church, address. Evening, Frontenac, made address in the

September 13. *Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Great Neck, Made address.

September 15. New York, attended meeting of Board of Missi

September 20, *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Norwich, Christ Church, addresses, A. M. and P. M.

September 23. Worcester, Mass. All Saints' Church, addressed an's Auxiliary.

September 27, *Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Boston, Mass. Trinity Church, address.

September 29. Received Letter Dimissory of Rev. E. H. Edson the Diocese of Milwaukee. Accepted same.

October 4, *Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Cincinnati, Ohio. Christ Church, celebrated Holy Communion and made a Evening, St. Paul's Cathedral, made address.

October 5. Same. A. M., Cathedral House, addressed clericus. noon, same, gave stereopticon lecture to Woman's Auxiliary.

October 7. Covington, Ky. Afternoon, Trinity Church, add Woman's Auxiliary.

October 9. Knoxville, Tenn. Afternoon, addressed Woman's iliary. Evening, addressed Men's Club.

October 14. Chattanooga, Tenn. Evening, preached at St. Paul's Church.

October 15. Sewanee, Tenn. A. M., addressed Theological Department of University. Evening, addressed the E. Q. B. Club.

October 16. Same. Addressed the University.

October 17. Louisville, Ky. Sent Letter Dimissory for Rev. C. E. Snavely, to Cuba.

October 18, *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Same. A. M., preached at Cathedral. Afternoon, addressed Junior Branch, Woman's Auxiliary, also preached at Calvary Church. Evening, preached at St. Andrew's Church. Gave canonical consent to consecration of Rev. Dr. Kinsman to be Bishop of Delaware.

October 20. New York. Burial service of Bishop Potter. Interview with Ernesto Rivera, candidate for Holy Orders.

October 25, *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Washington, D. C. A. M., preached at St. Alban's Church. Afternoon, preached at out-of-door service. Evening, address at St. Thomas' Church.

October 26. Same. Evening, gave stereopticon lecture at National Cathedral School.

October 27. Baltimore, Md. Visited Bishop Paret.

October 31. Went to Buffalo, N. Y.

November 1, *All Saints' Day and Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.* Buffalo, N. Y. A. M., preached at Church of the Ascension. Afternoon, address at Trinity Church. Evening, address at St. Mary's Church.

November 2. Same. A. M., addressed St. Margaret's School; addressed Buffalo Seminary; addressed the Buffalo Clerus. Afternoon, at St. Paul's Church, addressed Woman's Auxiliary. Evening, addressed Men's Club, Grace Church.

November 3. New York. Interview with Rev. A. S. Jukes.

November 6. Tompkinsville, N. Y. St. Paul's Church, addressed Woman's Auxiliary.

November 8, *Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.* New York. Church of the Intercession, addressed Sunday School, preached.

November 10. Same. St. Agnes' Church, addressed Woman's Auxiliary.

November 13. Same. St. James' Church, addressed Missionary Conference.

November 14. Sailed for Porto Rico, steamship "Coamo."

November 15, *Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.* At sea, no service, weather preventing.

November 22, *Sunday next before Advent.* San Juan. A. M., at St. Luke's Church, celebrated Holy Communion; preached at St. John's Church. Afternoon, preached at St. Luke's Church.

November 24. Mayagüez. Visited St. Andrew's Mission.

November 25. Ponce. Meeting of Hospital Committee. Instituted daily prayers at Hospital.

November 26, *Thanksgiving Day*. Same. Trinity Church, preached and officiated A. M. and P. M. Said prayers at Hospital.

November 29, *Advent Sunday*. Same. Holy Trinity Church, preached and celebrated Holy Communion. At Hospital, prayers A. M. and P. M., made address.

December 1. Same. Visited Parish School.

December 2. Same. Meeting of Hospital Committee.

December 3. Mayagüez. Made plans for repairs and improvement of school property.

December 4. Same. Secured title to school property. Visited St. Andrew's Mission, preached in Spanish.

December 5. Same. Sent deeds of property to New York.

December 6, *Second Sunday in Advent*. Ponce. A. M., prayers at Hospital, officiated at Holy Trinity Church, and confirmed 8 persons. Afternoon, prayers and address at Hospital.

December 9. Same. Buried a patient from the Hospital.

December 13, *Third Sunday in Advent*. Same. Prayers at Hospital. Afternoon, same, prayers and address.

December 15. Same. Renewed Lay Reader's License, for Mr. Monefeldt, of Mayagüez.

December 17. Visited sugar mill at Guanica. Evening, Ponce, prayers at Hospital.

December 20, *Fourth Sunday in Advent*. Same. Celebrated Holy Communion, Trinity Church. Baptized a child at Hospital. Same, Litany and address.

December 23. Evening, same, attended Spanish service, Trinity Church.

December 25, *Christmas Day*. Same. Holy Communion, Trinity Church; prayers at Hospital.

December 27, *First Sunday after Christmas*. Same. At Hospital, prayers, baptized a child. Sailed for Mayagüez. Received a deputation from St. Andrew's Mission on board ship.

December 28. Appointed Rev. Messrs. Jukes and Bland as Examining Chaplains for Rev. J. F. Droste, deacon. Set examination for January 11, 1909.

December 31. Santurce. Mission of the Annunciation, service and address in Spanish.

1909.

January 1, *Circumcision*. San Juan. Gave canonical consent to consecration of Rev. Dr. Harding as Bishop of Washington, D. C.

January 3, *Second Sunday after Christmas*. Same. St. John's Church, Litany, sermon and Holy Communion. Evening, same, Spanish service.

January 6, *The Epiphany.* Same. Celebrated Holy Communion.
January 7. Mayagüez. Interview with Miss Mills, nurse.
January 8. Same. Visited St. Andrew's Mission.
January 10, *First Sunday after Epiphany.* San Juan. St. Luke's Church, celebrated Holy Communion; preached at St. John's Church. Afternoon, officiated at Mission of the Annunciation. Evening, Spanish service at St. John's Church.
January 12. Same. Pronounced Benediction at opening of Legislative Assembly.
January 14. Aguas Buenas. Mission of the Advent, took part in service and made address in Spanish.
January 17, *Second Sunday after Epiphany.* San Juan. Celebrated Holy Communion at St. Luke's Church; officiated and preached at St. John's Church. Afternoon, preached at St. Luke's Church.
January 18. Ponce. Hospital Committee.
January 19. Same. Hospital Committee.
January 20. Mayagüez. St. Andrew's Mission, preached and confirmed seven.
January 24, *Third Sunday after Epiphany.* San Juan. Celebrated Holy Communion at St. Luke's Church; preached at St. John's Church.
January 31, *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany.* Same. A. M., consecrated St. John's Church, preached. Afternoon, consecrated St. Luke's Church, preached.
February 2, *Purification.* Same. Issued Lay Reader's License to Mr. Joaquin Medina, of St. Luke's Church.
February 3. Sailed for New York.
February 7, *Septuagesima.* At sea, no service, by reason of weather.
February 10. New York. Attended meeting of the House of Bishops.
February 11. Same.
February 14, *Sexagesima.* New Haven, Conn. St. Paul's Church, Holy Communion, preached and took part in Morning Prayer. Evening, Trinity Church, heard sermon by Bishop of Milwaukee.
February 16. Northampton, Mass. Smith College, address.
February 21, *Quinquagesima.* Ansonia, Conn. Christ Church, Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and address. Evening, Seymour, Conn., Trinity Church, preached.
February 24, *Ash Wednesday.* Philadelphia, Pa. Attended service at Holy Trinity Church.
February 25. Issued license to Rev. A. S. Jukes to officiate at Ponce.
February 28, *First Sunday in Lent.* Philadelphia, Pa. A. M., Church of the Atonement, preached. P. M., Newark, N. J., preached at St. Paul's Church.
March 1. New Haven, Conn. Addressed Woman's Auxiliary at Trinity Parish House.
March 2. New York. Interview at Sunday School Commission Office. Afternoon, Orange, N. J., Grace Church, address.

March 3. South Orange, N. J. Afternoon, Church of the Holy Communion, address. Evening, Orange, St. Mark's Church, address.
March 4. New York. Interview with a candidate for confirmation.
March 5. Plainfield, N. J. Grace Church, address.
March 6. New York. Interview with an applicant for work in Porto Rico.
March 7, *Second Sunday in Lent.* Elizabeth, N. J. A. M., Christ Church, address. Evening, Jersey City, N. J., St. John's Church, address.
March 8. Philadelphia, Pa. Addressed Woman's Auxiliary at Church House.
March 9. New York. A. M., addressed Woman's Auxiliary at St. Agnes' Church. P. M., Church of the Ascension, address. Issued Lay Reader's License to Mr. Francisco Solano Aquerón, of Mayagüez.
March 10. New York. A. M., Church of the Incarnation, addressed Woman's Auxiliary. Evening, Christ Church, address.
March 14, *Third Sunday in Lent.* Albany, N. Y. A. M., St. Peter's Church, address. Evening, St. Paul's Church, address.
March 15. Same. Afternoon, St. Peter's Parish House, addressed Woman's Auxiliary.
March 16. Same. A. M., Albany Academy, address. Afternoon, addressed Clerical Meeting. Evening, Troy, N. Y., at St. Paul's Church, address.
March 17. Troy, N. Y. Evening, St. John's Church, address.
March 18. Cold Spring, N. Y. Evening, St. Mary's Church, address.
March 19. Englewood, N. J. Afternoon, St. Paul's Church, address. Evening, Leonia, N. J., All Saints' Church, preached and confirmed one person.
March 21, *Fourth Sunday in Lent.* New York. A. M., St. James' Church, attended service and received Holy Communion. Evening, St. Andrew's Church, address.
March 22. Same. Interview with two candidates for Holy Orders. Church of the Heavenly Rest, addressed Woman's Auxiliary.
March 23. New Rochelle, N. Y. Visited a sick woman. New York. Interview with a candidate for Holy Orders.
March 24. Bay Side, L. I. All Saints' Church, address.
March 25. *The Annunciation.* Jersey City, N. J. St. John's Church, Parish House, addressed Men's Club.
March 26. Jamaica, L. I. Grace Church, address.
March 28, *Fifth Sunday in Lent.* Elizabeth, N. J. A. M., St. John's Church, address. Evening, Calvary Church, New York, address.
March 29. New York. Holy Trinity Church, address.
March 30. Elizabeth, N. J. Addressed Girls' Friendly Society and Woman's Auxiliary at Christ Church Parish House.

March 31. Coatesville, Pa. Trinity Church, addressed Woman's Auxiliary.

April 1. Tompkinsville, N. Y. St. Paul's Church, address.

April 2. New York. St. James' Church, address.

April 4. Brooklyn, N. Y. A. M., St. Ann's Church, addressed Sunday School and preached; celebrated Holy Communion. Afternoon, same, St. Mary's Church, addressed Sunday School. Evening, same, St. Luke's Church, address.

April 5. Same. Grace Church, address.

April 7. Same. Church of the Messiah, address.

April 8. Same. Church of the Redeemer, address.

April 9, *Good Friday*. Same. Church of the Redeemer, made seven addresses at Three Hours' Service. Evening, same, St. Mary's Church, address.

April 10, *Easter Even*. Same. St. Paul's Church, confirmed 19 persons, made address.

April 11, *Easter Day*. New York. Zion and St. Timothy's Church, celebrated Holy Communion.

April 14. Same. Trinity Church, attended Centenary of Bible and Prayer Book Society.

April 18, *First Sunday after Easter*. At sea, held service and preached, steamship "Carolina."

April 25, *Second Sunday after Easter*. Visited at Pueblo Viejo.

April 30. Vieques. All Saints' Church, Litany and address in Spanish.

May 2, *Third Sunday after Easter*. Same. Preached and took part in service A. M. and P. M.

May 3. Requested Board of Missions to discontinue services of a clergyman in Porto Rico.

May 4. Renewed Lay Reader's License for Mr. José Archilla at Aguas Buenas.

May 5. Vieques. All Saints' Church, superintended plans for a belfry and porch; took part in Evening Prayer.

May 9, *Fourth Sunday after Easter*. San Juan. A. M., St. John's Church, officiated and preached. Afternoon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, officiated and preached.

APPENDIX II.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Aguas Buenas—*Mission of the Advent.*—Rev. E. H. Edson, Missionary. Address, Box 925, San Juan, P. R. José Archilla, Lay Reader.

Statistics.—Individuals, 33. Baptized persons, 33. Communicants, 10. Teachers in Sunday School, 2; pupils, about 30. Contributions: Communion alms, 62c.; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $504. Total of contributions, 62 cents.

Needs: Appropriation for traveling expenses to start work at Caguas.

Aguas Buenas—*Mission of the Ascension.*—Preaching Station. No report.

Aguas Buenas—*Mission of the Incarnation.*—Preaching Station. No report.

Aguas Buenas—*Mission of St. Margaret.*—Preaching Station. No report.

Bayamon, Candelario—*Mission of St. James.*—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Missionary.

Statistics.—Individuals, 50. Communicants, 2. Average atttendance at services, 18.

Cabras Island (Leper Colony)—*Mission of the Good Shepherd.*—Rev. E. H. Edson, Missionary. Enrique Cuervos, Catechist.

Statistics.—Individuals, about 20.

Expended from Leper Fund for fruit, candy and tobacco, about $103, and for maintenance of services, $90.

Guanica Central—Rev. A. S. Jukes, Missionary. No report.

Mayaguez—*St. Andrew's Mission.*—Rev. David W. Bland, Missionary. Address, Box 131, Mayagüez, P. R.

Statistics.—Individuals, 254. Baptized persons, 200. Communicants, 47. Teachers in Sunday School, 4; pupils, 240. Teachers in Parish School, 4; pupils, 159. Baptisms, infants, 32. Confirmations, 7. Marriages, 33. Burials, 6. Communicants, added by removal, 5; by confirmation, 7; lost by death, 2; by removal, 9. Average attendance at services, 60. Value Church property, $3,381. Contributions: Parish

purposes, including salaries, $48.04; Communion alms, $16.30; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $3,010; other sources, $3; contributed for missions, $62.15; Italian Earthquake Fund, $8; Clergy Relief Fund, $10; publication of JOURNAL, $5. Total Parish and other contributions, $149.49.

Needs: (*a*) A church. (*b*) A new and properly equipped schoolhouse.

Palo Seco—*Mission of St. Peter.*—No report.

Ponce—*Holy Trinity Parish.*—Rev. A. S. Jukes, Missionary. Address, Ponce, P. R. Rev. Johan F. Droste, Assistant. Wardens, J. Umbach and Fernando Toro. Treasurer, John C. Dubois. Clerk, A. S. Monefeldt.

Statistics.—Individuals, 185. Baptized persons, 185. Communicants, 113. Teachers in Sunday Schools, 5; pupils, 100. Teachers in Parish School, 1; pupils, 67. Baptisms, 14. Confirmations, 9. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6. Communicants, added by removal, 5; by confirmation, 9; lost by death, 6. Average attendance at services, about 60. Value of Church property, $12,000. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $387.92; Communion alms, $53.02; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $2,675; contributed for missionary purposes, $26; St. Luke's Hospital, $7.04; Clergy Relief Fund, $10; Funeral Fund, $30. Total of Parish and other contributions, $513.98.

NOTE.—The Parish was in charge of Rev. Johan F. Droste until December 12, 1908.

Ponce—*St. Luke's Memorial Hospital.*—Rev. A. S. Jukes, Minister-in-Charge.

Statistics.—Baptisms, infants, 2. Burial, 1. Contributions, for missionary purposes, $1,000.

Services conducted in English as often as possible.

San Juan, Puerta de Tierra—*St. Luke's Mission.*—Rev. E. H. Edson, Minister-in-Charge. Address, Box 925, San Juan, P. R. Treasurer, Paul Kean. Clerk, Napoleon Johns. Mr. Enrique Cuervos and Mr. Joaquin Medina, Lay Readers. Mrs. Carmen Reus, Parish Visitor.

Statistics.—Communicants, 127. Teachers in Sunday Schools, 5; pupils, 115. Teachers in Parish School, 4; pupils, 120. Baptisms, infants, 25. Candidates for confirmation, 17. Marriages, 9. Burials, 5. Communicants, added by removal, 7; lost by removal, 7. Average attendance at services, about 60. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $137.31; Communion alms, $8. received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $3,325; contributed for missionary purposes, $55.28; for other purposes, viz, printing JOURNAL, $5. Total of Parish and other contributions, $205.59.

Needs: Increased appropriation for Parish School.

San Juan, Puerta de Tierra—*St. Mark's Mission.*—Preaching Station. Rev. E. H. Edson, Missionary.

Statistics.—Individuals and communicants are recorded in St. Luke's register.

San Juan—*Church of St. John the Baptist.*—Rev. F. A. Warden, Rector. Address, San Juan, P. R. Juan Benitez, Catechist. Wardens, Henry W. Dooley and T. G. I. Waymouth. Treasurer, Hon. Regis H. Post. Clerk, Edward Mayers.

Statistics.—Individuals, about 240. Baptized persons, 234. Communicants, American, 82; Porto Rican, 29. Teachers in Sunday School, 4; pupils, 50. Teachers in Parish School, 2; pupils, 60. Baptisms, 3. Confirmations, 14. Marriages, 6. Burials, 3. Communicants, added by removal, 4; by confirmation, 14; lost by death, 2; by removal, 19. Value of Church property, $37,500. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $1,664; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $800; contributed for missionary purposes, $81; for St. Luke's Hospital, $5. Total of Parish and other contributions, $1,750.

Needs: A Woman Helper for native work.

San Juan—*Naval Station.*—Preaching Station. Rev. Frederick A. Warden.

Santurce, Borinquen Park—*Mission of the Annunciation.*—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Missionary. Mr. Juan Benitez, Catechist.

Statistics.—Individuals, 125. Teachers in Sunday School, 3; pupils, 87. Average attendance at services, 70. Contributions: Received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $122.50; from other sources, $305; contributed for missionary purposes, $2.25. Total of contributions, $2.25.

Needs: Baptismal font and reed organ.

Santurce—*Mission of St. Paul.*—Rev. E. H. Edson, Missionary. Mr. Enrique Cuervos, Catechist.

Statistics.—Individuals, 94. Communicants, 10. Baptisms, infants, 4. Marriages, 3. Average attendance at services, about 30. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $2; Communion alms, 18c.; received from D. and F. Society, $540; contributed for missionary purposes, 52 cents. Total of contributions, $2.70.

Vieques—*All Saints' Church.*—Rev. Leonard Reed, Rector. Address, Box 14, Vieques, P. R. Miss Sarah Davidson, Parish Worker. Wardens, A. J. Sykes and Cain Callwood. Treasurer, V. M. Bean. Clerk, John Walker.

Statistics.—Individuals, about 196. Baptized persons, same. Communicants, 50. Teachers in Sunday School, 1; pupils, 50. Pupils in Sewing Class, 25. Baptisms, infants, 9. Candidates for confirmation,

10. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Communicants, added by removal, 5; lost by removal, 5. Value of Church property, $4,000. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $206.58; Communion alms, $27.25; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $800; from Auxiliary, United Offering, $450; contributed for missionary purposes, $12; for General Clergy Relief Fund, $5; printing JOURNAL, $5; Masonic Brethren, $1.15. Total Parish and other contributions, $256.98.

Needs: A horse and its keep; a cistern for rectory; traveling expense fund for maintenance of services elsewhere.

Vieques, Esperanza Estate—*St. Clement's Mission.*—Rev. Leonard Read, Minister-in-Charge.

Statistics.—Individuals, about 55. Other statistics included with those of All Saints.

Instruction is given by Parish Worker.

SUMMARY.

Parishes and Missions	19
Clergy	7
Communicants	470
Sunday School Teachers	24
Sunday School Pupils	670
Parish School Teachers	11
Parish School Pupils	406
Baptisms	89
Confirmations	30
Marriages	56
Burials	27
Total of Contributions	$3,881.61

APPENDIX III.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO.

EXPENDITURES.

Church Extension Fund.

Paid subscription to December, 1908, of leaflet "Manzanas de Oro"	$15.00	
F. B. Hatch for work on house at Puerta de Tierra used for Church	180.00	
Stationery, postage and other sundries	25.65	
Publication of Bishop's sermons	455.76	
Spanish Hymnals	6.35	
Envelopes, etc.	28.75	
		$711.51

Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Paid rent of Mrs. Van Buren's furniture, included in rent of residence, 11 months at $15 per month	$165.00	
Paid by Bishop and by order of Bishop at sundry times	1,157.22	
		1,322.22

Special Fund.

Paid cable message March 10th	$3.75	
Paid expenses of Theological Student in United States, 6 months, at $25	150.00	
Paid Miss Cuddy	25.00	
		178.75

Traveling Expenses.

Bishop's expenses	$490.09	
Rev. A. S. Jukes to Guanica and back	15.00	
		505.09

Insurance Account.

On St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra	$108.68	
On residence	77.63	
		186.31

E. W. Barney.

Salary and expenses	508.30

Printing Account.		
Balance of this account		$360.03
General Expense Account.		
Typewriter for Rev. D. W. Bland	$50.00	
Removal of archives	2.00	
		52.00
Mission of the Annunciation.		
Paid for seats		25.00
St. Luke's Hospital.		
Amounts forwarded to the Treasurer, Mr. J. Umbach, on various occasions	$7,450.00	
Ticket and other expenses of Miss Anna Mills	90.00	
Capes and cash for Nuns	44.25	
Stationery	10.79	
Traveling expenses of Bishop to August 13th.	63.75	
		7,658.79
St. Luke's Church.		
Amount as per last report	$7,471.64	
Cost and charges of desks and school supplies	215.00	
Drains, etc.	210.00	
		7,897.54
Mayagüez School.		
Amount as per last report		2,566.30
E. Walter Roberts, Assistant Treasurer of Board of Missions.		
Balance on hand to April 1st		910.49
American Colonial Bank.		
On hand as per Pass Book		1,651.97
		$24,534.30

RECEIPTS.

Church Extension Fund.		
Balance on hand on May 12, 1908, date of last report		$10,221.74
The following accounts were written off:		
Traveling expenses	$34.31	
Insurance Account	187.31	
E. W. Barney	151.65	
Printing Account	69.65	
General Expense Account	20.65	
		463.64
Leaving balance on hand		$9,758.10

Specials received during year up to April 1st.....		$8,150.38
Legacy from the estate of Mr. Francis O. Winnemore, of Philadelphia		1,610.83
		$19,519.31
Bishop's Discretionary Fund.		
On hand May 12th	$180.56	
Received since	894.74	
Rec'd for rent of Episcopal residence from June 18 to April 18, 1909, 11 months at $40.....	440.00	
		1,515.30
Special Fund.		
Received from Mrs. Thomas and Miss Lomy		178.75
Traveling Expenses.		
Received from Treasurer of Board of Missions		196.40
St. Luke's Hospital.		
Received from Mrs. E. Taylor		2,000.00
Received from Mrs. Thomas, $500, $500		1,000.00
Hospital Fund		10.79
Received from Mr. Julius Umbach		63.75
Mayagüez School.		
Received from Bishop Van Buren for use of Rev. Bland		50.00
		$24,534.30

San Juan, P. R., May 5, 1909.

T. G. I. WAYMOUTH,
Treasurer.

We certify that we have audited these accounts by the books and find same correct.

San Juan, P. R., May 10, 1909.

ALBERT E. LEE,
FREDERICK A. WARDEN,
Auditing Committee.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF ST. LUKE, THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN, PONCE, P. R.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

MAY 1, 1908, TO APRIL 30, 1909.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand May 1, 1908		$801.49
Nurses' Fund	$515.14	
United States subscription (general)	13,203.57	
United States subscription, applied payment to Kny-Scheerer & Co.	393.55	
United States subscription (construction second story)	8,000.00	
United States subscription (furnishing second story)	3,151.23	
Porto Rico subscription	650.74	
Maintenance Account	3,395.51	
Porto Rico subscription (Nurses' Home)	500.00	
		29,809.74
		$30,611.23

DISBURSEMENTS.

Legal expense	$7.50	
Hospital outfit	965.09	
Nurses' salary	1,035.00	
N. Pirazzi	1,360.00	
General expense	662.85	
General construction	987.63	
F. A. Hall	730.80	
Maintenance Account	8,283.31	
Construction second story (Pirazzi)	7,994.00	
Construction second story (general)	718.25	
Construction Nurses' Home	2,984.00	
Furnishing second story	1,197.65	
Material and repairs	376.55	
Matron's salary	240.00	
Payment, Kny-Scheerer & Co.	2,979.40	
		30,522.03
Cash on hand May 1, 1909		$89.20

TRIAL BALANCE FOR APRIL, 1909.

1.	Construction, Kaplan	$2,393.00	
2.	Hospital lot	2,000.00	
3.	Legal expense	27.45	
4.	Construction, Pirazzi	15,160.00	
5.	Hospital outfit	8,560.23	
6.	Excavation	2,501.71	
7.	Nurses' salary	2,125.00	
8.	Supervising Engineer	1,138.75	
9.	Chapel outfit	100.00	
10.	General expense	1,468.30	
11.	General construction	5,168.53	
12.	Interest		$2.50
13.	Nurses' Fund		875.14
15.	United States subscription (general)		40,380.33
16.	United States subscription, construction second story		8,000.00
17.	United States subscription, furnishing second story		3,020.03
18.	Porto Rico subscription		5,713.40
21.	Maintenance Account	4,379.98	
24.	(*a*) Construction second story (Pirazzi)	7,994.00	
24.	(*b*) Construction second story (general)	718.25	
25.	Construction Nurses' Home	2,984.00	
26.	Furnishing second story	1,066.45	
27.	Material and repairs	376.55	
28.	Porto Rico subscription (Nurses' Home)		500.00
29.	Matron's salary	240.00	
	Balance on hand	89.20	
		$58,491.40	$58,491.40

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1909.

April	1.	Balance due Fritze, Lundt & Co.	$167.18
		Cash paid Dr. Vogel for running expenses	300.00
	3.	Passage Miss Mills to New York	50.00
	10.	Ice bill month of March	9.30
		Milk bill month of March	65.10
		Electric light bill for March	60.41
	16.	Provisions in March (Ponce Mercantile Co.)	130.38
		Provisions in March (E. Hansen & Co.)	105.26
		Drugs in March (Succrs. de Valle & Cancio)	59.96
		2 boxes of Alcolado (Ramquera & Co.)	14.00
		1 carboy alcohol (N. Villarango)	19.65
		1 case German beer (Herdman & Co.)	14.25
		18 doz. photographs Hospital	21.60

April 21.	1 box Corsican wine	$12.00
	Goods furnished by F. L. & Co. (lumber, preserves, Carlsbad water)	59.17
24.	Bill Kny-Scheerer & Co. (tables, etc., second story)	131.20
	Payments made to Plumber Rooney, second story	30.00
28.	Payment made to F. L. & Co. for lumber furnished for construction second story	1,331.93
30.	Provision furnished, April (E. Hansen & Co.)...	25.35
	Provision furnished, April (Herdman & Co.)...	60.64
17.	Telephone bill for April	5.20
	Cash on hand	89.20
	Total	$2,761.78

RECEIVED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1909.

April 1.	Received from F. L. & Co., account steamers (March)	$12.00
12.	From Mr. Thomas (monthly donation) through Board of Missions	83.33
15.	Through Mr. Thomas, of the Board of Missions, at the solicitation of Bishop Van Buren.....	1,000.00
23.	Through Bishop Van Buren	1,000.00
18.	From Mr. Waymouth, Treasurer, San Juan	500.00
24.	Receipted bill, Kny-Scheerer & Co. (paid through Bishop Van Buren)	131.20
26.	Ramon Cortado & Co. for steamers	3.00
28.	Collection on board steamship "Carolina," through Bishop Van Buren	20.25
30.	Received from F. L. & Co., account steamers (April)	12.00
	Total	$2,761.78

(Signed) JULIUS UMBACH,
Treasurer.

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

ST. LUKE'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Patients Coming to the Hospital.

First Half Year, 1907–1908.

		Free days.	Total.
November	9	3	156
December	10	39	263
January	17	43	244
February	23	59	338
March	18	114	348
April	31	171	474
Total	108	429	1,823

Second Half Year, 1908–1909.

		Free days.	Total.
November	36	479	754
December	27	446	892
January	37	315	709
February	32	448	769
March	43	455	821
April.	42	269	776
Total	217	2,412	4,721

Number of Patients.

First year ..... 265 Second half year 217

Income from Patients, Alms Box, Subscriptions

First Half Year, 1907–1908.

	Patients.	Alms box.	Sub-script's.
November..	$175.00	$8.30	....
December...	240.25	5.62	....
January.....	166.00	2.55	$1.21
February...	339.50	6.46	81.70
March.....	334.20	4.50	81.69
April.....	428.00	8.61	91.66
Half year, Guanica Central			182.50
	$1,682.95	$36.04	$438.76
Total			$2,157.75

Second Half Year, 1908–1909.

	Patients.	Alms box.	Sub-script's
November..	$313.00	$6.35	$89.75
December...	524.75	.60	40.50
January.....	421.25	7.00	66.05
February...	434.50	8.10	68.05
March.....	611.75	3.00	76.15
April.....	711.00	2.70	62.05
Half year, Guanica Central			182.50
	$3,016.25	$27.75	$585.05
Total			$3,629.05

Expenses.	
November, 1908	$1,200.48
December, 1908	1,155.19
January, 1909	1,309.10
February, 1909	1,596.99
March, 1909	1,549.25
April, 1909	1,292.78
	$8,103.79

Income.	
November, 1908	$595.55
December, 1908	787.18
January, 1909	723.13
February, 1909	460.48
March, 1909	686.98
April, 1909	785.88
Due from patients April 30th	1,002.75
Total	$5,041.95

Ponce, May 1, 1909. DR. CARL VOGEL, *Medical Director.*

APPROPRIATION FOR PORTO RICO.

No special appropriation has yet been made, but the schedule for last year has been continued until action is taken.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATION TO THE PORTO RICAN MISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1908, AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 1909. ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 12, 1908.

Item.	Annual Rate in United States gold dollars.	
GENERAL.		
1. The Bishop's salary	$3,000.00	
2. The Bishop's official traveling expenses within the Missionary District up to	300.00	
3. The Bishop's Discretionary Fund	400.00	
		$3,700.00
MAYAGÜEZ.		
4. The Rev. David W. Bland	$1,200.00	
5. The Rev. David W. Bland, house rent	400.00	
6. Running expenses St. Andrew's Mission	120.00	
7. Rent of church building	300.00	
8. Miss E. H. McCollough[1]	800.00	
9. Rent of school	240.00	
10. School expenses, including salaries of Native Teachers, viz., Matilde Martinez and two assistants	780.00	
		$3,840.00
SAN JUAN.		
11. The Rev. Frederick A. Warden[2] (half salary).	$800.00	
12. Miss Ethel Comstock[1] or successor	800.00	
13. Dolores Romañat,[1] Native Teacher	420.00	
14. School expenses	400.00	
		2,420.00
PONCE.		
15. The Rev. Harvey P. Walter or successor	$1,200.00	
16. Miss Frances Cuddy	800.00	
17. School expenses	72.00	
18. St. Luke's Hospital	1,000.00	
19. The Rev. J. F. Droste[3]	600.00[4]	
		3,672.00

[1] Appointed under the Woman's Auxiliary United Offering.

[2] The congregation of the Church of St. John the Baptist at San Juan is to pay $800 a year in addition to above stipend.

[3] Employed in the field.

[4] Afterward increased to $800.

Item.		Annual Rate in United States gold dollars.	
	VIEQUES.		
20.	The Rev. Leonard Read	$800.00	
21.	Miss Sarah R. Davidson[1]	450.00	
			$1,250.00
	PUERTA DE TIERRA.		
22.	The Rev. Charles E. Snavely or successor	$1,200.00	
23.	Rent for Missionary	400.00	
24.	School expenses and supplies	625.00	
25.	Mrs. Carmen Froilán	300.00	
			2,525.00
	AGUAS BUENAS.		
26.	José Archilla, Catechist	$420.00	
27.	Rent of mission building	84.00	
28.	Travel	96.00	
			600.00
	SANTURCE.		
29.	Ernesto Rivera	$396.00	
30.	Rent of church building	144.00	
			540.00
	Total		$18,547.00

E. and O. E.

CHURCH MISSIONS HOUSE,
281 Fourth Avenue, New York,
May 13, 1908.

A true copy.
Attest: JOSHUA KIMBER,
Associate Secretary.

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APPENDIX IV.

REPORT OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH SCHOOL.

San Francisco and Recinto Streets.

Opening day, September 28, 1908.

Enrolment, September 28, 1908	35
Total enrolment to date	92
Average enrolment to date	64
Average attendance to date	45

Attendance transient and depleted by removals, mumps, calentura and a lack of shoes and clothing. Several sessions have been non-tardy. Daily instruction is given in Spanish and English. The three R's, language, spelling, geography, "care of the body," sense training, music, drawing and physical exercises may, we hope, be the leaven to make ready for higher and better things. Especial attention is given to the Catechism, the Litany, Psalm 23 and hymns, both in Spanish and English. "Padre Nuestro," the Creed and "Valganos Dios, hoy," Amen, are very familiar to the niños.

We are most grateful to a friend and co-worker of Trinity Parish, Muscatine, Iowa, for an offering of $10, now in reserve as an organ fund. The "Mission Box" received from the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Church, Muscatine, has been a source of great help to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Lettice R. Kennedy.

May 8, 1909.

Ponce, Porto Rico, May 1, 1909.

The Rt. Rev. James H. Van Buren, D.D., San Juan:

Dear Bishop: Holy Trinity Church School opened this year the last week in September with most of last year's pupils and some new ones. The enrolment up to January 1, 1909, was: Males, 21; females, 21; total, 42; average attendance, males, 18; females, 19; total, 37. For the last half year both enrolment and average attendance have been higher. The last two months the enrolment is 67, so I've had to have part of the children in the morning and the others in the afternoon. This plan of separating the grades has worked satisfactorily. The older pupils have had to work harder to make up their work in a half day session, and the little ones have made more rapid progress when I could give them undivided attention.

In the morning the work is all in English, except for one-half hour. In the afternoon much of the work is necessarily in Spanish.

Most of the children are very regular in their attendance at Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES CUDDY.

REPORT OF PARISH HELPER, VIEQUES.

My work continues much the same as reported last year.

The Sunday School for children has slightly increased in numbers, and the class for adults is also better attended and turned into a Church History class.

Two evenings in the week some girls come for help in learning to read and write, and Saturday afternoons the sewing class works for an hour and sometimes plays games or practices singing.

The branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, organized a little over a year ago, meets usually once in two weeks for saying the office and for mission study, and has sent $15.40 to the Treasurer.

The St. Clement's Mission was visited frequently while a horse was supplied by the kindness of friends, but since January there has been a difficulty about securing one. A class of children has been formed there, and one of the women kindly gives the use of a room.

Respectfully submitted,

S. R. DAVIDSON.

REPORT OF ST. LUKE'S PARISH SCHOOL, 1908-09. PUERTA DE TIERRA.

School opened with an attendance of 149 children, which soon increased to 156. We were crowded to our utmost. After Christmas some small benches and tables made it possible for us to seat the children comfortably. Owing to the closing of the tobacco factory many families moved away from this locality, reducing our numbers until we have now 124, with an average daily attendance of 100. Sickness and lack of clothes prevent the others from attending. There are of necessity more grades than in a school of the same size in the States, but we have tried to grade them with some semblance of order. Many of the children can read well, but are deficient in arithmetic. Others can read English well, but cannot speak the language, and hence it is difficult to grade them according to correct standards. In Miss Ramos's department arithmetic is taught as far as the fourth grade and reading both in English and Spanish. In Mr. James's department fifth grade work in both languages. By this is not meant complete work of these grades as taught in the schools of the States, but as near as we can follow those lines. Mr. Cuervos is giving second and third grade work in Spanish. All of the children are having instruction in English. Thirty-two children are the nucleus of a kindergarten. We are much

hampered in this work by lack of a suitable room in which can be given full expression to kindergarten methods. The gifts have been used up to the fourth. The children are much interested in the work, and it seems as if it was especially adapted to them, for they learn form, color and the names of objects that they work, not only in Spanish, but in English as well, and the bright colors and attractive forms serve to impress upon their minds the English far better than any books or charts could do. Friday afternoons are devoted to singing.

Our greatest need now is to have our room partitioned; as it is, three classes are sometimes reciting at the same time, and it is, to say the least, distracting.

We are working in English as fast as practical, and we are looking forward to the time when this will be the only language of St. Luke's School. We are indebted to the Auburn Chapter of the D. A. R. for a new flag to replace the one which had long since seen its best days.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN ARNOLD LUTHER.

REPORT OF ST. ANDREW'S MISSION, MAYAGUEZ, P. R., FOR YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1909.

1. I returned from the United States after three months' leave of absence and resumed the duties of the mission at the end of October last.

2. During my absence the services were regularly and efficiently carried on by Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, licensed voluntary Lay Reader. Mr. Monefeldt's work, which, at times, must have cost him much self-denial, was very highly appreciated, and I take this opportunity of putting on record my personal gratitude to him for his help, without which we could not, at that time, have taken our needed rest and change.

3. The attendance at services continues satisfactory, with a growing number of adults.

4. Seven were presented for confirmation this year and publicly examined, on the evening of their confirmation, on the Catechism. We could have had a larger class, but our rule is not to present to the Bishop any who cannot meet the requirements of confirmation.

5. The Sunday School has on its list 240 reliable names, and the average attendance, by actual count, is 180, or 75 per cent. This is the full capacity of the hired room.

6. The Sunday School offering for missions increased from $26 last year to $52.15 this year, or slightly more than double. This is notable, as no special effort was made to increase it, beyond issuing the Key-stone boxes.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID W. BLAND, *Priest-in-Charge.*

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, VIEQUES.

During the year quiet, steady work has continued, and there is a general progress observable.

Among other things, it is a pleasure to report that two new pitch pine doors, long much needed, have been placed in the chancel during the year. Also a beautiful set of Eucharistic vestments for the Trinity season has been added to the vestry wardrobe.

Many members of our congregation have again this year removed to more favorable places for employment, and while some few others have come in their places, it is very sad to realize that many of our members are now quite unprovided for by any church ministrations in their new homes. While this condition of things has already been increasing in its importance, I feel much relieved to know that the subject will be dealt with by our Bishop at as early a date as possible.

Great danger of a serious encroachment upon our Church property has by prompt action of our Bishop been avoided, and at the same time by a small outlay and the erection of a structure upon the land our rights are maintained and we secure for permanent use a much needed belfry for the church and a convenient entrance to the Parish Hall from the vestry door.

The danger, which was made evident a few months ago when very high winds threatened damage to or destruction of the Rectory, is sought to be avoided by the construction of a wall to prevent the entrance of the wind from the exposed position. This work is now in hand, and it is confidently expected that security from this danger may be thus assured.

The possible missions which should be attempted from Vieques as a center are to be considered as soon as our Bishop has the necessary fund available for the purpose.

Then Culebra, Fajardo and Humacao may be occasionally enabled to enjoy the ministrations of the Church, which, up to the present time, for the want of funds, the several hundreds in those places have been entirely deprived. And it is well known that each month passed under such conditions as generally exist in these places will make it more difficult a work.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD READ, *Rector.*

APPENDIX V.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CONVOCATION OF PORTO RICO.

Order of Business First Day of the Convocation.

1. At 8.30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.

2. At the conclusion of the Holy Communion, the Bishop shall take the Chair and call the Convocation to order.

3. Election of a Secretary by ballot.

4. Roll call by the Secretary, the List to be provided by the Bishop.

5. Appointment by the Bishop of a Committee on Qualifications, to whom shall be referred any questions touching membership. Undisputed names and credentials to be acted on at once without debate. Questions raised or referred to the Convocation by the Committee on Qualifications to be laid aside temporarily.

6. A constitutional quorum being present, in both orders, the President shall declare the Convocation organized for business.

7. The President shall announce the appointment of the following:

(*a*) The Chancellor.
(*b*) A Committee on the Admission of new Parishes and Missions, to consist of one clergyman and one layman.
(*c*) The Committee on Finance, to consist of the Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.
(*d*) A Committee on Unfinished Business.
(*e*) A Committee on Nominations.
(*f*) The Standing Committee.
(*g*) The Auditing Committee of three.

8. The receiving and referring of papers relating to the admission of new Parishes and Missions.

9. Report of Committee on Qualifications temporarily laid aside. Action to be taken immediately after discussion.

10. Presentation of any subject that is to be referred without debate, to special committees for their subsequent report.

11. At 2.30 p. m., the Elections of Officers and Committees, the Committee on Nominations having their report ready to offer, and the election to follow immediately; other nominations being always in order. The President shall announce what elections are to follow, viz.:

(*a*) Treasurer.
(*b*) Registrar.
(*c*) Delegates to the General Convention (in Convention years).

(*d*) Committee on Constitution and Canons (see Canon 13), to consist of two clergymen and one layman.
(*e*) Committee of three members, on the creation and increase of the fund for support of a bishop.
(*f*) Other elections, if there are any.

12. At three o'clock the Bishop's Annual Address, unless he shall prefer some other time.

13. Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.

14. Reports and action on them, as follows:

(*a*) By the Treasurer.
(*b*) By the Registrar.
(*c*) By the President of the Standing Committee.
(*d*) By the Chancellor.
(*e*) By the Committee on Episcopal Support.
(*f*) By the Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.
(*g*) By any other Officer or Committee of the Convocation.

15. Miscellaneous business.

16. Adjournment to the second day.

Order of Business Second Day of Convocation.

17. Morning Prayer at 8.30 a. m., by appointment of the Bishop.

18. Reading of the Minutes of the preceding day, and action on them.

19. The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjournment the day before, if any.

20. Reports from the several Missionaries, the Teachers, and other workers in the several parts of the District; each to occupy not more than ten minutes, unless by vote of the Convocation extending the time. These reports may be verbal or written, and shall be called for by the President of the Convocation.

21. Reports of any special committees on matters referred to them during the session.

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23. Reading of the Minutes, action on them, and after Prayers and Benediction, by the President, adjournment without day, unless another day is necessary for finishing the business. In that case the above shall be the order.

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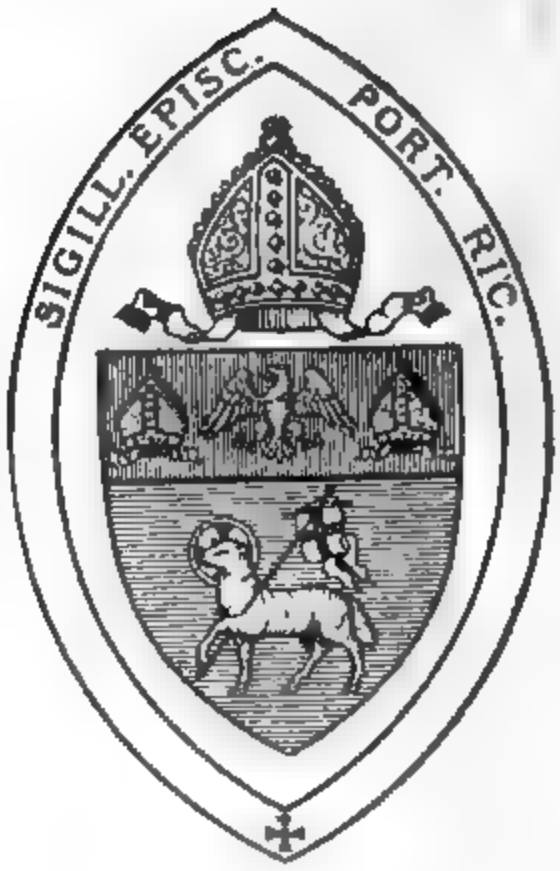
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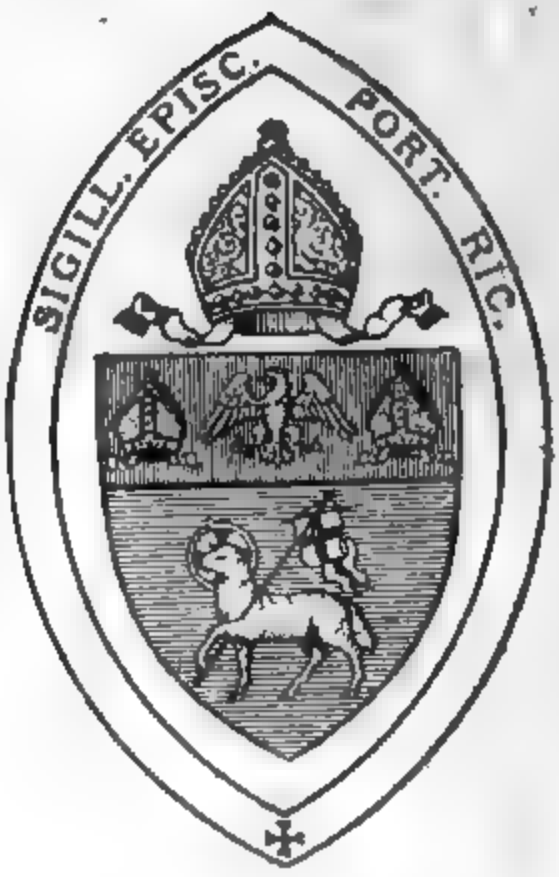
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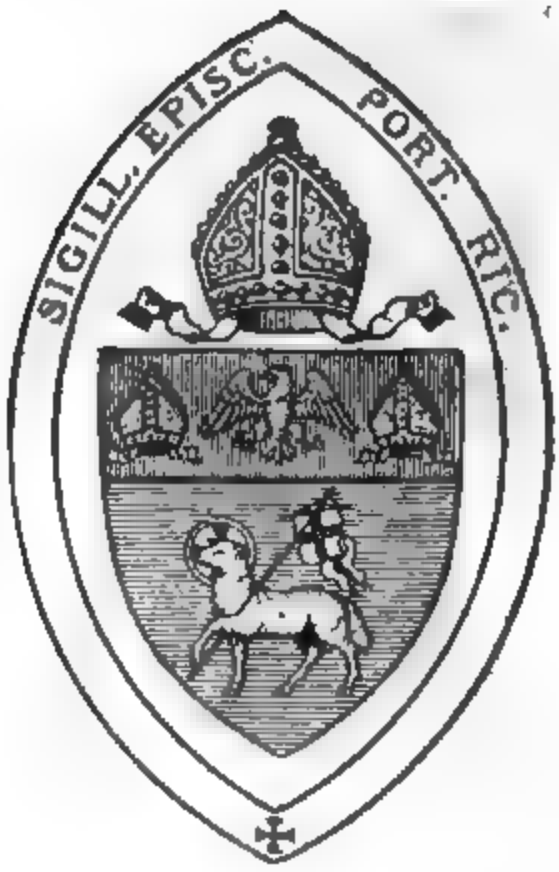
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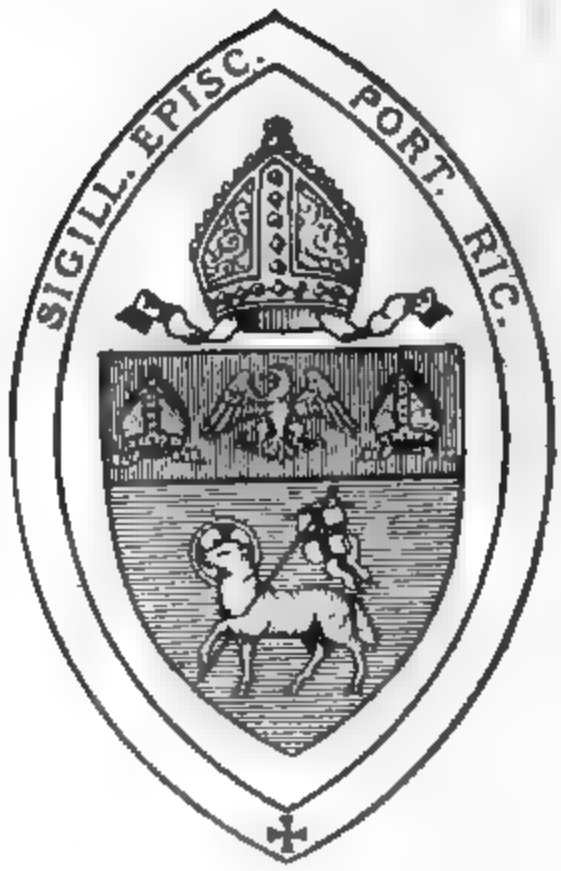
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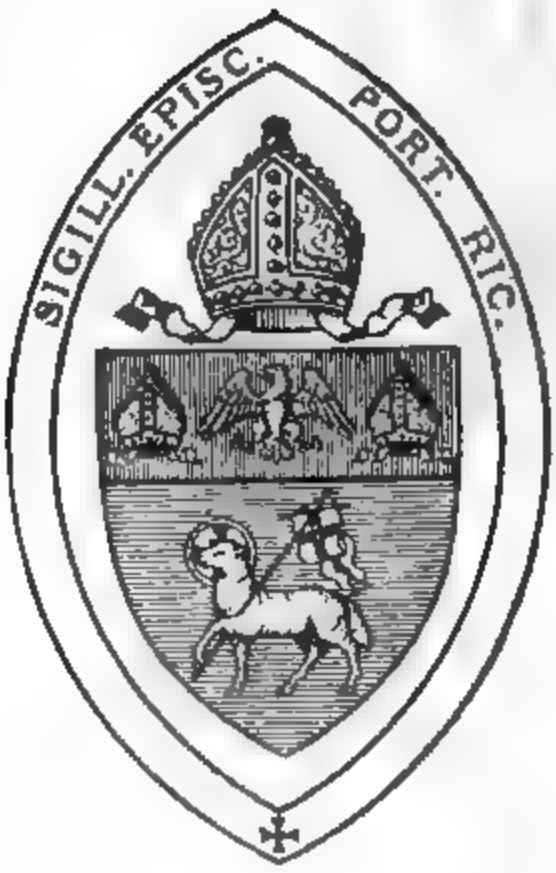
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GEORGE L. NELSON,
Secretary.

AGUIRRE, P. R.,
May 1, 1910.

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LIST OF THE CLERGY.

In Order of Canonical Residence.

Bishop.

The Right Reverend James Heartt Van Buren, D.D.

Consecrated June 24, 1902.

Priests.

Feb. 2, 1905. The Rev. Leonard Read.
March 7, 1907. The Rev. Frederick A. Warden.

Deacon (non-parochial).

May 3, 1908. The Rev. Johan F. Droste.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Mr. Ernesto Rivera. Admitted, August 28, 1907. Studying in General Seminary, at New York.

Mr. Paul Rufus Rafael Reinhardt. Studying at Nashotah, Wis.

LICENSED LAY READERS.

LICENSED.		LICENSE EXPIRES.
Dec. 13, 1909.	Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, Mayagüez.	Jan. 1, 1911.
Jan. 1, 1910.	Mr. John C. DuBois, Ponce.	Jan. 1, 1911.
Jan. 1, 1910.	Mr. Alexander E. Horton, Ponce.	Jan. 1, 1911.
Jan. 10, 1910.	Mr. Frank A. Farnsworth, San Juan.	Jan. 1, 1911.
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NATIVE CATECHISTS.

Mr. Enrique Cuervos, Mayagüez.
Mr. José Archilla, Aguas Buenas.
Mr. Juan Benitez, Santurce.
Mr. Joaquin Medina, Puerta de Tierra.

TEACHERS.

Miss Frances Cuddy, Ponce.
Miss Lettice R. Kennedy, San Juan.
Miss Dolores Romañat (assistant), San Juan.

Miss Ida McCollough, Mayagüez.
Miss Amanda Castro (assistant), Mayagüez.
Miss Helenia Castro (assistant), Mayagüez.
Miss Adéla Rivera (assistant), Mayagüez.
Mrs. Herman Luther, Puerta de Tierra.
Miss Antonia Ramos (assistant), Puerta de Tierra.
Miss Brown (assistant), Puerta de Tierra.
Mr. Austin James (assistant), Puerta de Tierra.

PARISH HELPERS.

Miss Sarah R. Davidson, Vieques.
Mrs. Carmen Reus, *née* Froilan, Puerta de Tierra.

PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

Place.	Parish or Mission.	In charge of.
1. Aguas Buenas,	The Advent,	Mr. José Archilla.
2. Mayagüez,	St. Andrew,	Mr. Enrique Cuervos.
3. Ponce,	Holy Trinity,	Rev. Leonard Read.
4. Ponce,	St. Luke's Hospital,	Rev. Leonard Read.
5. Puerta de Tierra,	St. Luke,	Mr. Joaquin Medina.
6. San Juan,	St. John the Baptist,	Rev. F. A. Warden.
7. Santurce (Park),	Annunciation,	Rev. F. A. Warden.
8. Santurce (Cerra),	St. Paul,	Mr. Joaquin Medina.
9. Vieques,	All Saints,	
10. Cabras Island,	The Good Shepherd,	Rev. F. A. Warden.
11. Guanica Central,		Rev. Leonard Read.
12. San Juan,	Naval Station,	Rev. F. A. Warden.
13. Vieques,	Esperanza,	

CLERGY TRANSFERRED.

Dec. 10, 1909. Rev. David W. Bland, to Central New York.
Feb. 26, 1910. Rev. E. H. Edson, to Western New York.

ST. LUKE'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, PONCE.

(Erected in 1907.)

The title to the property is vested in the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as Trustees.

Local Committee.—The Bishop, the Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, the Wardens of the same, and Carl Vogel, M.D.

Medical Director.—Carl Vogel, M.D.

Nurses.—Fourteen native trained nurses.

Chaplain.—The Rector of Holy Trinity Church.

(For Financial Statement, see Appendix III.)

OFFICERS AND COMMITTES.

President.—The Rt. Rev. James Heartt Van Buren, D.D.

Chancellor.—The Hon. J. R. F. Savage, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Secretary.—Mr. George L. Nelson, Aguirre, Porto Rico.

Treasurer.—Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Registrar.—The Rev. Frederick A. Warden, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Council of Advice.—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Rev. Leonard Read, Mr. George L. Nelson, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Mr. H. W. Dooley.

Finance Committee.—The Bishop, the Treasurer, Capt. Charles Griffith.

Auditing Committee.—Mr. John H. Ince, Mr. Albert E. Lee, Rev. F. A. Warden.

Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.—Rev. F. A. Warden, Mr. George L. Nelson.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—The Secretary, Rev. Leonard Read.

Committee on Constitution and Canons.—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Rev. Leonard Read, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

Committee on Episcopal Support.—Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Rev. Leonard Read, Rev. F. A. Warden.

Committee on Monthly Church Paper.—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

Committee on Purchase of Property.—The Bishop, Rev. Frederick A. Warden, the Secretary, the Treasurer.

Committee on Increase of Lay Readers.—Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, Mr. Edward Mayers, the Secretary.

Committee on Theological School.—The Bishop, Rev. Leonard Read, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

Delegates to Missionary Council of Second Missionary Department.—Rev. Leonard Read, Mr. H. W. Dooley.

Delegates to General Convention.—Rev. F. A. Warden, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 1910, 8.30 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. F. A. Warden, and the Rev. Leonard Read. The Rev. F. A. Warden preached the sermon, the text being taken from Gal. vi, 9.

At 10.30 o'clock the Bishop took the chair and called the Convocation to order.

It being in order to elect a Secretary, Mr. George L. Nelson was nominated, and a ballot being taken, the Chair announced that he was elected.

The Secretary then called the roll of the Convocation from the list furnished by the Bishop. The names of those not present at any time are printed in italics:

LIST OF CLERGY CANONICALLY RESIDENT.

The Right Reverend James Heartt Van Buren, D.D.
The Rev. Leonard Read. The Rev. Frederick A. Warden.

NON-PAROCHIAL.

The Rev. Johan F. Droste, Deacon.

Total number of clergy, 4. Present, 3; absent, 1.

LIST OF ORGANIZED PARISHES AND MISSIONS AND OF LAY DELEGATES FROM THE SAME (THE NAMES OF THOSE NOT PRESENT AT ANY TIME ARE PRINTED IN ITALICS):

Place.	Parish or Mission.	Lay Delegates.
Mayagüez,	St. Andrew's Mission,	Mr. Enrique Cuervos.
		Miss Ida McCollough.
Ponce,	Holy Trinity Parish,	Mr. George L. Nelson.
Puerta de Tierra,	St. Luke's Mission,	Mr. Napoleon John.
		Mr. Jesus Reus.
San Juan,	St. John the Baptist Parish,	Capt. Charles Griffith.
		Mr. John H. Ince.
Vieques,	All Saints' Parish,	

Total number of Parishes and Missions, 5, represented by 7 delegates. Present, 6; absent, 1.

A quorum being present, the Bishop announced the Convocation organized for business.

The Bishop appointed as a Committee on Qualifications:

Rev. Leonard Read, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

He also made the following appointments:

Chancellor.

Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.

Rev. F. A. Warden, Mr. George L. Nelson.

Committee on Finance.

The Bishop, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Capt. Charles Griffith.

Committee on Unfinished Business.

Mr. George L. Nelson, Rev. Leonard Read.

Committee on Nominations.

Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Rev. F. A. Warden, Mr. Enrique Cuervos.

Council of Advice.

Rev. F. A. Warden, Mr. George L. Nelson,
Rev. Leonard Read, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth,
Mr. H. W. Dooley.

Auditing Committee.

Mr. John H. Ince, Mr. Albert E. Lee,
Rev. F. A. Warden.

There was no report from the Committee on Qualifications.

The Bishop announced that Miss Kennedy, the head of St. John's Parish School, had been called home on account of sickness, and it was moved by the Rev. Leonard Read, seconded and carried:

Resolved, That the members of the Convocation having learned that Miss L. R. Kennedy has been called home by reason of sickness in her family, desire to express their heartfelt sympathy, and the hope that her anxiety may be relieved and that she may return in due time to the work which she so faithfully and devotedly performs.

The Bishop announced the elections which were to take place at 2.30 p. m., viz: for Treasurer, Registrar, Committee on Constitution and Canons, Committee on Episcopal Support, Delegates to the General Convention, and Delegates to the Missionary Council.

The Bishop read a notice from the Secretary of the House of Deputies in regard to proposed changes in the General Constitution.

The Rev. F. A. Warden moved that these be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the Chair, which was carried.

The Chair appointed as such a committee the Rev. F. A. Warden, Mr. George L. Nelson and Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, with instructions to report in the afternoon.

The Rev. F. A. Warden moved that the Convocation pass to Order of Business No. 14, which was carried; and under this Order of Business the Treasurer read his report. (See Appendix III.)

The Bishop announced the presence of the Rev. S. F. Adam, of the Diocese of Albany, whereupon it was moved by the Rev. F. A. Warden, seconded and carried, that Mr. Adam be given the privileges of the Convocation without vote.

It was moved by the Rev. Leonard Read, seconded and carried:

Resolved, That the Treasurer's Report be accepted, and that a vote of thanks be extended for the able manner in which the whole work has been carried out and reported.

Registrar's Report:

During the year we have received and filed all the Journals of the Dioceses and Convocations, save twenty. The increased capacity made for filing records, through the thoughtfulness of the Bishop, has proved very convenient to the Registrar in his work.

FREDERICK A. WARDEN,
Registrar.

The report of the Council of Advice was postponed till later. The Chancellor not being present, no report was made then, and there was no report from the *Committee on Episcopal Support,* nor from the *Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.*

The Bishop then called for reports from the teachers and workers.

The Rev. F. A. Warden read the report of Mrs. Luther on the Parish School of St. Luke's Church in Puerta de Tierra. (See Appendix IV.)

Mr. Napoleon John made a verbal report on the work at St. Luke's. Mrs. Reus reported in Spanish on her work in parish visiting in connection with St. Luke's. Mr. Austin James, a teacher in the Parish School of St. Luke's, reported on the work and needs of the school. Miss Ramos reported in Spanish on her part of the work in the Parish School. Miss Brown made a verbal report of her work. Mr. Reus, the delegate from St. Luke's, gave an account in Spanish of the work at St. Luke's, and the Rev. F. A. Warden explained some of the difficulties of the work there.

It was moved by the Rev. F. A. Warden, seconded and carried, that the Convocation adjourn at 12 o'clock and reconvene at 2 o'clock.

The Chancellor having come in, the Bishop requested him to make any report he might have. The Chancellor reported that almost no official business had come before him during the year, but the Bishop amended this to say that he had consulted the Chancellor on various occasions with great benefit.

Miss Kennedy then read a report of the work in the Parish School of the Church of St. John the Baptist (see Appendix IV), and Miss Romañat made a verbal report of her part of the work in the same school.

Miss McCollough read a report on the Parish School of St. Andrew's Mission, Mayagüez (see Appendix IV), and Mr. Cuervos reported in Spanish on his work as catechist at St. Andrew's.

The Bishop read the report of the Medical Director of St. Luke's Memorial Hospital in Ponce. (See Appendix III.)

Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth moved, and it was seconded and carried:

Resolved, A vote of thanks in accepting Dr. Vogel's report for the great work he has accomplished and the benefit it shows in aid of suffering humanity.

It being 12 o'clock, the Convocation then adjourned.

At 2 o'clock the Bishop called the Convocation to order.

The Rev. Leonard Read read the report of Miss Cuddy on the Parish School of Holy Trinity Church, Ponce; he also read a report of his own work as Rector. (See Appendix IV.)

At this point a recess was taken in order that the Convocation might be photographed.

When the Convocation was called to order, Miss Davidson, the Parish Helper at Vieques, reported verbally on the work at All Saints', Vieques, and the Rev. Leonard Read read a report on his work at All Saints' before he left that parish to go to Holy Trinity Church, Ponce. (See Appendix IV.)

At 3 o'clock the Bishop read his Annual Address.

It was moved by the Rev. F. A. Warden, seconded and carried:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to an appeal to the Church, through the Board of Missions, for a greater supply of clergy, be referred to a committee of three, comprising one clergyman and two laymen, to report at this session of the Convocation.

The Bishop appointed as such a committee:

REV. F. A. WARDEN, MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH,
MR. GEORGE L. NELSON. ..

The Bishop mentioned the recent death of the King of England, and said he would be glad to entertain any motion of sympathy.

It was moved by Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, seconded by the Rev. Leonard Read, the retired English Vice-Consul, and carried:

Resolved, That the following expression be adopted as the sentiment of the Convocation: We, the clergy and laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Missionary District of Porto Rico, express our deep sorrow at the death of His Majesty, Edward VII, King of England, and we would be pleased to see all our churches in the island hold memorial services at the same hour as the funeral obsequies.

(The Bishop subsequently, in accordance with the suggestion of the Convocation, sent a Pastoral Letter to all the clergy and laity of the Missionary District, recommending the manner of a public service and setting forth a prayer.—See Appendix I.)

The Bishop, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that the expense of Convocation consists of the expense of printing the JOURNAL, which amounts to about $100.

The *Committee on Nominations* made its report, and it was moved by the Rev. Leonard Read, seconded and carried, that the Secretary cast one ballot for the nominations as reported.

The Secretary cast such a ballot, and reported the elections as follows:

For Treasurer.
MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH.

For Registrar.
REV. F. A. WARDEN.

For Committee on Constitution and Canons.

REV. F. A. WARDEN,
REV. LEONARD READ,
HON. J. R. F. SAVAGE.

For Committee on Episcopal Support.

MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH,
REV. LEONARD READ,
REV. F. A. WARDEN.

For Delegates to Missionary Council.

REV. LEONARD READ,
MR. H. W. DOOLEY.

For Delegates to General Convention.

REV. F. A. WARDEN,
MR. T. G. I. WAYMOUTH.

The Secretary read the report of the Treasurer of St. Luke's Hospital. (See Appendix III.)

Report of President of Council of Advice:

During the year we have held one meeting at which we recommended Mr. Paul Rufus Rafael Reinhardt to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders.

F. A. WARDEN,
Chairman.

The Rev. F. A. Warden reported for the *Committee on the Proposed Changes in the General Constitution* in a series of motions, as follows:

Resolved, That the Convocation concur in the Resolution in reference to the Preamble; seconded and carried.

Resolved, That the Convocation concur in the Resolution in reference to the Presiding Bishop; seconded and carried.

Resolved, That the Convocation concur in the Resolution in reference to Suffragan Bishops; seconded and carried.

Resolved, That the Convocation does not concur in the Resolution in reference to the trial of a Presbyter; seconded and carried.

Resolved, That the Convocation does not concur in the Resolution in reference to verbal alterations in the Book of Common Prayer in foreign languages; seconded and carried.

It was then moved, seconded and carried, that the committee's report as a whole be adopted.

Rev. F. A. Warden, as Chairman of the *Committee on a Church Paper,* reported progress, and explained why a sample edition of a paper had not been issued.

Mr. Juan Benitez, the catechist at the Mission of the Annunciation, made a verbal report of his work.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported that the *Committee on Constitution and Canons* still had a report to make of changes recommended in the Constitution and Canons.

The Bishop reported for the *Committee on Purchase of Property* that, owing to the shortage of clergy and the high price of property, that he had not called a meeting of the Committee.

The Bishop announced a Missionary service for 8 o'clock in the evening.

The Rev. F. A. Warden, as Chairman of the *Committee on the Bishop's Address,* reported as follows:

Resolved, That we draw to the attention of the Board of Missions the immediate need of at least three more clergymen to take the places of those who have left, and we further suggest the need of better places of worship, especially in Santurce and Borinquen Park.

F. A. WARDEN, *Chairman.*
T. G. I. WAYMOUTH.

The Secretary, for the *Committee on Increase of Lay Readers,* reported that the Committee had held no meetings during the year. The Committee was continued to report next year.

The Bishop reported for the *Committee on a Theological School* that theological books in Spanish had been sent for to Cuba and that it seemed impossible to establish such a school at present. The Committee was continued, with the substitution of the Rev. Leonard Read in place of the Rev. David W. Bland, who has left the District.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that after the reading of the minutes and action on them, and Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourn, the time and place for the next Convocation to be left to the discretion of the Bishop.

It was moved by the Rev. Leonard Read, seconded and carried, that a vote of thanks be extended to the Rector and congregation of the Church of St. John the Baptist for their kindness in giving hospitality to the clergy and lay delegates of the Convocation.

The Secretary then read the minutes, which were approved.

After Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourned.

JAMES H. VAN BUREN,
Bishop of Porto Rico.

Attest:

GEORGE L. NELSON,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

At the Sixth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico, Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, Porto Rico, May 10, 1910.

By the Right Reverend James H. Van Buren, D.D.

Dear Brethren:

May the all-sufficient grace of God be upon you and abide with you always. Amen. We render thanks, first of all, to Him who has brought us safely through a year of more than usual difficulty. Of the five priests who were enrolled in our clergy list a year ago, three have been lost by removal. Ponce, Mayagüez and Puerta de Tierra, with the missions dependent upon them, have been left without clergy. Ponce has been supplied by transference of Rev. Leonard Read, thus leaving Vieques vacant. Mayagüez and Puerta de Tierra have had the ministrations of faithful Lay Readers with occasional visitations from the Bishop and other clergy, and we have contrived by this device to avoid closing any of our missions, although there are six in which no services have been held during the year. It is a pleasure to make record of the services of the Rev. S. F. Adam, who came among us in quest of health and has placed us under great obligations by his readiness to take duty so far as his strength would permit.

In endeavoring to find a solution for the problem of clergy supply, we must carry the apostle's inquiry one step farther than he carries it. He asks, as you remember, "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" We have to ask the additional question, "How shall they be sent except they be willing to go?"

Ours is not merely the difficulty of finding clergy who can preach in Spanish. We are face to face with an insufficient supply of clergy who can preach at all. Everywhere in the wide border of the Church's field, at home and abroad, the cry is the same, "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few." In our own more humble, but not less important part of the field where the burden and heat of the day are perhaps disproportionately large, the universal scarceness is more acutely felt than in regions where the work presents more attractive features. Our own dearth of clergy is traceable to the universal lack; though we feel its pangs more keenly than others. Our remedy must be sought in the cure of the epidemic itself rather than in any mere local remedy.

There is a disposition in some quarters to regard the scarcity of clergy with satisfaction, and to point out that it is a well-deserved punishment for the way in which the clergy have been treated. There are those who say they are glad there is a dearth in the supply of clergy, since it provides some ground of hope that the law of supply and demand will operate, as it does in other things, to increase the price of the commodity in proportion as the supply falls short.

Two answers will at once occur to anyone who tests this theory in the light of the facts. In the first place, a scarcity of clergy, regarded as a punishment visited upon the people for the insufficient salary, the unjust criticism, the cruel burdens which often fall to the clergyman's lot, is a kind of punishment which affects only the innocent, and suffers the guilty to go free. People who neglect the ministrations of the Church are not apt to experience very much anguish if the Church's door is closed. It is the faithful souls that look up, as neglected sheep that hunger and are not fed; they who are wont to hear the voice of the shepherd and to heed it, that suffer and are "punished," when the hand is withdrawn and the voice was withheld. It is not the regular, constant worshippers who have the responsibility for such burdens as turn the service of the ministry from being a joy and privilege beyond price, into a heartbreaking, spirit-crushing experience of poverty, neglect, and oftentimes scholarly, refined but hopeless,

bondage, multiplied in the intensity of its anguish by the thought of the wife and children who share it, and who are as fellow passengers standing on the drifting deck of an abandoned bark, doomed to the lingering death of impoverished old age.

No, it is not the faithful communicant, the devout, loyal, earnest parishioner who causes these things and may deserve "punishment" for them. It is the man who lightly turns away from serving God, whose face would be as strange in a church (except at a wedding or a funeral) as a dromedary's ungainly form at a symphony concert. It is the woman who will cheerfully pay ten times as much for a hat as she is willing to pledge (and possibly forget she has pledged) for the support of the Church. It is the people who have turned the Lord's Day from a holy day to a holiday, and seem to think they have abolished the whole business of cultivating that spiritual life which is concerned with conscience and character and immortality by letting the seed be choked under a plentiful harvest of weeds and tares, that is to say, "the riches and pleasures of this world." But these are not the ones upon whom the burden falls when the priest and the prophet fail. It is the others. So it is not wise to rejoice when the supply runs short, since the innocent are "punished" while the guilty escape; and that is a cause for regret; deep and heart-searching.

Secondly, whatever may be said of demand and supply in other affairs, in the ministry there is this exception to the law. Here the supply does not wait for the demand to call it forth. The demand does not always recognize itself. The supply awakens the demand to consciousness; we plant the mission before the neighborhood invites it. And by and by the neighborhood wonders how it ever lived without it. Here again there is no cause for rejoicing when the supply runs short. Nor is there any real ground for hoping that the law of demand and supply will work out an automatic solution of the problem.

We must look deeper into the reasons for the scarcity, and discovery of the cause will suggest the remedy. Young men are not offering in sufficient numbers to recruit the ranks of

the ministry and we are wondering why. Many reasons have been suggested, but the most important of them all has not been mentioned, so far as I have seen. Reasons which have been alleged are doubtless of weight, such as the insufficient salary, the failure of the ministry to appeal to a young man's ambition for a career, the humility of the calling and the self-denial it involves. But, however weighty these reasons may be, they are not in my opinion the real reason why so many young men turn away from the ministry. The same conditions, to a greater or ess degree, exist in the medical and legal professions, and yet hardships do not deter nor dangers dampen the ardor of those who would be lawyers or physicians. Young men are quite as likely to see visions of success in the ministry as elsewhere, and to imagine that they will escape its obscurity, neglect and poverty, as when they turn their imagination in other directions.

No, the principal cause for the falling off in the number of candidates for the ministry is, in my opinion, the force of example. No book, no sermon, no advice ever begins to count with a young man like the example of his father, or the action of the man whom he admires. And when he sees the men to whom he looks up with the unbounded, unquestioning, unreasoning respect which youth instinctively pays to maturity and experience, what does he see?

The Church relegated to the position of a useless relic; the Lord's Day devoted to secular interests, pleasures or idleness; family prayers an unknown observance; the Bible treated as a book of antiquated fables; and the ministry regarded as a calling which no man in the possession of full mental and physical vigor would think of entering. It is the example of the men whose opinions, life, character and achievements he most esteems, that has most to do with causing the young man of to-day to turn his attention away from the ministry. Not its hardships, for he believes he can overcome them; not its poverty, for youth is ever confident it can compel a just reward; not its dangers, for youth revels in the thought of peril; not its sacredness, for heaven that "lies about us in our infancy," and still spreads its glory on the hillsides and moun-

tain tops that swell skyward, is inspiring; none of these things move him, unless it be to draw his brave heart and his willing feet toward the altar and the pulpit. But it is because his father, his uncle, his college professor, his business example, the congressman from his district, the statesman for whom he is willing to vote, so often show him by their example that they do not hold the calling of the Church and ministry of Jesus Christ in honor.

And what is the remedy? Brethren, let us search our own hearts. What is there in our manifestation of the high and holy vocation of a minister of the gospel that should compel men to respect it? What and how do we preach, that men should care to listen? What do we offer in our church service and in our organized parish life that is going to make busy men put aside other things and care for the Church, its affairs, its problems, its work, its battle and its manifold interests?

There is no question more important than these. There is no use in saying people ought to care for the Church and the ministry, independently and apart from all personal considerations. Whether they ought or not, it seems that they do not, to a very large extent. And, while the systematic indifference and neglect on the part of so many people may not be entirely due to us of the ministry, yet we must not refuse to bear our part of the responsibility, but pray to Almighty God "to make us able ministers of the New Testament," "rightly dividing the word of His grace," and, both by our life and by our doctrine, setting forth the heavenly truth and showing it accordingly. Only when we have done this, can we hold ourselves free to say we have done our part, "whether they hear or whether they forbear."

It will be ten years the fourteenth of next February since I was sent to Porto Rico to care for the interests of our Church in this "new possession." Not quite eight of the ten years I have been a Bishop. And among all the satisfactions I have had in seeing the work grow, and in measuring the results which I now have the honor to report, there has been constantly present the burden of knowing how much our beloved Church has to offer to these people and how inadequately we

have been able to offer it. We have here a field which fairly teems with opportunity, a field which invites and inspires to the best that any man can give. We have had devoted workers, and we who remain are working under conditions that lay upon us heavy burdens, because we are so few and the harvest is so plentiful. Let us take courage for the work by a little retrospect and thank God for what has been accomplished even though it be so far short of what we would have wished.

In 1901 we had three Missions, each with its Priest, its congregation and Sunday School. The list was as follows:

Ponce: Church of the Holy Trinity, Rev. Fred Caunt.

Vieques: All Saints' Church, Rev. J. N. Bean.

San Juan: Mission of St. John the Baptist, Rev. J. H. Van Buren.

With this as a beginning we have gone on, growing from three missions in 1901 to nineteen in 1910, nine Sunday Schools, four day schools, four branches of the Woman's Auxiliary. We own four churches, one hospital, two rectories, two school houses, one Bishop's residence and one large lot adjoining the church in Ponce, all free of debt.

Our clergy list has grown from three to seven (although at present we have lost four by removals), we have six Lay Readers, four Native Catechists (two of whom are studying for Holy Orders), eleven Day School Teachers, twenty-four Sunday School Teachers, two Parish Helpers, one Medical Director and fifteen Nurses.

Our property was worth in 1901 $6,000; it is now valued at $153,881, of which there has come from the Men's Thank Offering $7,000, from Women's United Offering of 1904 $2,500, and $2,000 from Ponce people for the hospital lot. I have raised the balance, $142,381, by special appeals, beside some $10,000 for first two years' expenses of St. Luke's Hospital, part of which was raised by the Medical Director. We have 470 Communicants, 852 Sunday School pupils, 406 Day School pupils.

In our Memorial Hospital of St. Luke the Beloved Physician, during the first two years and six months, we have had

over 1,000 patients. One-half of these were treated free of charge.

During the Convocation year I have confirmed 26 persons in Porto Rico, and for the Bishop of Antigua 396, in the islands of St. Thomas and St. Croix, D. W. I., as follows:

1909.		
June 27.	St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra	16
July 18.	St. John's Church, San Juan	6
Feb. 10.	St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce	1
Feb. 27.	St. John's Church, San Juan	3
	Total	26

Also on May 8, at Mayagüez, 6. (These will count on next year.)

June 3.	All Saints' Church, Island of St. Thomas	92
June 7.	St. Paul's Church, St. Croix	82
June 8.	Holy Cross Church, St. Croix	82
June 9.	St. John's Church, St. Croix	140
	Total	396

I have baptized, infants 8
I have solemnized marriages 3
I have officiated at burials, one of these in St. Croix, D. W. I. 3

I have given Letters Dimissory as follows:
To the Rev. D. W. Bland to Central New York, December 10, 1909.
To the Rev. E. H. Edson to Western New York, February 26, 1910.
And the Rev. A. S. Jukes, who was officiating on my license at Ponce, has returned to canonical residence in the Diocese of Albany.

I have made all Lay Readers' Licenses terminate on January 1, 1911, when they may be renewed on application, and they have been either issued or extended to the following persons:

Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, Mayagüez.
Mr. José Archilla, Aguas Buenas.
Mr. Alexander E. Horton, Ponce.
Mr. Joaquin Medina, Puerta de Tierra.
Mr. Enrique Cuervos, Mayagüez.
Mr. Juan Benitez, San Juan.
Mr. Frank A. Farnsworth, San Juan.
Mr. John C. DuBois, Ponce.

I have delivered sermons or addresses 103

And what shall we say or think of the outlook? Two things must inspire new courage: One is the Laymen's Mis-

sionary Movement with which you are familiar, and the other is the Christian's invincible faith in the Church. We believe in one Holy Catholic Church. We believe it has a message no humanly organized institution can deliver. We hold that American Christians owe to the Latin races which have come under the flag the message of the Living Christ whose divine form, as has been well said, has been obscured by the extraordinary devotion which these races have been taught to pay to His blessed human mother.

To believe that our beloved Church will be derelict in the duty she owes to these newly adopted members of our national household, is to be wanting ourselves in the filial confidence which we owe to our Mother, the Church. To see in the peculiar difficulties of climate or language anything but a sterner call to effort, is unworthy of us. Not to recognize in the unmoral, uneducated conditions which so largely prevail in these regions, both a menace to our institutions and a clear trumpet call to ourselves to live the pure and godly life which needs no other argument, and give to others the inspiring ministrations of the Holy Church which is the means whereby we ourselves receive the manifold grace of God for the Christian life,—not to recognize this is to be ourselves derelict to duty and unworthy of the high calling wherewith God Himself hath called us.

To one who sees with clear vision what possibilities are teeming on every side in Porto Rico, it is an inspiration. Shall we strike from our list of missions those six places where we have not been able to hold services during the past year? No, a thousand times no! That were "to haul down the flag," which is unthinkable. There they are waiting for us, or for some one, and there are hundreds more where, if we could but lift our standard, thousands would flock to find themselves sheltered beneath its protecting folds.

This is not a time to despair. This is not a time to cry halt. See what has been gained already. See what fields invite us, whitening to the harvest. Let us unite in a call to the Church,

through its organized agency, the Board of Missions, for volunteers who are willing to face the conditions and obey God's voice to "Go forward." Let us tell to the Church what magnificent work has been done for the souls and bodies of a whole regiment of sufferers who have had the ministrations of healing in our beloved hospital of St. Luke, the Beloved Physician! One-half of that number free of charge!

As some of you are aware, dear friends, I stand here to-day against the advice of three physicians. The financial and other cares of my office together with the influence of the tropics, they tell me, are tiring me out, though in northern lands I seem to be perfectly well. I think, however, that I can sincerely say with the greatest Missionary Bishop who ever lived, that "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course and the ministry which I have received of our Lord Jesus Christ."

But I have no right to defy the doctors,—no man has. And so, most reluctantly, I am compelled to ask the Board of Missions for a leave of absence. How long it may be extended I cannot say. Whether some one else, better qualified than I, may be entrusted with the work, I cannot tell; though none, I think, could care for it more than I do. But I feel that in heeding the physicians I am but serving the Church; and that the cause of Christ is of more importance than any servant of His can possibly be. The work is more than the worker. And He will not let it fail. Of that I am confident.

I commend you to the riches of His grace "who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." If it be His will that we meet again I hope it may be to tell of ever forward and increasing triumphs, and if not, then, with deepest gratitude for the ten years that He has given me of the privilege of serving Him in Porto Rico, I shall cheerfully say, "Thy will be done." Amen.

Episcopal Acts.

1909.

May 11. Fifth Annual Convocation, at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra.

May 12. Same, concluded. Took counsel with Chancellor in regard to a boundary line of St. Luke's Church property.

May 13. Established boundary line as above.

May 14. Ponce. Prayers at Hospital.

May 15. Same.

May 16, *Fifth Sunday after Easter.* Ponce. Services at Hospital, A. M. and P. M., with address at latter. Celebrated Holy Communion at Trinity Church, with sermon.

May 20, *Ascension Day.* Ponce. Prayers at the Hospital.

May 21. Ponce. Extended time of license of Rev. A. S. Jukes to August 25. Visited parish school.

May 23, *Sunday after Ascension.* Ponce. Hospital, A. M. and P. M. Service, with address at the latter.

May 24. Sailed for St. Thomas, D. W. I., by request of the Bishop of Antigua.

May 27. Arrived at St. Thomas. Taken sick with bronchitis.

May 30, *Whitsun-Day.* Sick; unable to officiate.

June 3. St. Thomas. Confirmed 92 persons at All Saints' Church, made address.

June 6, *Trinity Sunday.* St. Croix, D. W. I., at St. John's Church. Christiansted, celebrated Holy Communion, preached A. M. and P. M.

June 7. Same. St. Paul's Church, Fredericksted, P. M., confirmed 82 persons, made address.

June 8. Same. Church of the Holy Cross, A. M., confirmed 82 persons, made address.

June 9. Same. St. John's, Christiansted, A. M., confirmed 140 persons, made address.

Junee 13, *First Sunday after Trinity.* Same. St. Paul's Church, Fredericksted, A. M., officiated and preached. Evening, preached. Afternoon, addressed Sunday School, and solemnized a burial.

June 14. Sailed for Culebra; arrived next day.

June 16. Sailed for San Juan; arrived same day.

June 20, *Second Sunday after Trinity.* Puerta de Tierra. A. M., St. Luke's Church, celebrated Holy Communion. Afternoon, San Pablo Mission (Santurce), address. Set forth a prayer for the Board of Missions, to be used during Trinity-tide.

June 21. Mayagüez. Visited St. Andrew's Parish School.

June 22. Ponce. St. Luke's Hospital, prayers and address.

June 23. Ponce. Requested a deacon to discontinue public services.

June 24, *St. John Baptist's Day.* Ponce. Hospital, prayers and address. Meeting of the Local Committee.

June 27, *Third Sunday after Trinity.* Puerta de Tierra. Afternoon, preached and confirmed 10 persons. (English speaking.) Evening, preached and confirmed 6 persons. (Spanish speaking.)

July 4, *Fourth Sunday after Trinity.* At home, no appointment.

July 5. Hato Rey. Buried a native woman, name unknown.

July 11, *Fifth Sunday after Trinity.* At home, no appointment.

July 17. Visited Leper Colony, service and sermon in Spanish.

July 18, *Sixth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. A. M., St. John's Church, preached and confirmed 6.

July 21. Sailed for New York on steamer "Maracaibo."

July 27. Landed in New York.

August 1, *Eighth Sunday after Trinity.* Providence, R. I. A. M., preached at St. John's Church.

August 4. Gave canonical consent to consecration of the Rev. John Gardner Murray, D.D., to be Bishop Coadjutor of Maryland.

August 8, *Ninth Sunday after Trinity.* Stonington, Conn., Calvary Church, preached morning and evening.

August 15, *Tenth Sunday after Trinity.* New Haven, Conn. A. M., received Holy Communion at Christ Church, no appointment.

August 18. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. Arthur Selden Lloyd, D.D., to be Bishop Coadjutor of Virginia.

August 22, *Eleventh Sunday after Trinity.* Bordentown, N. J. Calvary Church, A. M., received Holy Communion, officiated and preached.

August 29, *Twelfth Sunday after Trinity.* Norwalk, Conn., Grace Church. A. M., received Holy Communion, officiated and preached.

September 5, *Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Beverly, Mass., St. Peter's Church. A. M., Litany and Celebration of Holy Communion, preached. Afternoon, called on President Taft.

September 12, *Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Bellport, L. I., Christ Church, Morning Prayer and Litany, preached.

September 19, *Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Pittsburgh, Pa., Calvary Church. A. M., three addresses in Sunday schools, later preached. Evening, St. Peter's Church, preached.

September 20. Pittsburgh, Pa. Evening, addressed Archdeaconry.

September 26, *Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity.* New Haven, Conn. A. M., attended St. Thomas' Church, no appointment.

September 28. New York. Attended meeting of Board of Missions. Gave three canonical texts to candidate for Holy Orders.

October 3, *Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.* Hartford, Conn. A. M., received Holy Communion at Trinity Church, made an address at Grace Church Sunday School, preached at St. John's Church. Evening, preached at Trinity Church.

October 4. Middletown, Conn. Afternoon, address at Berkeley Divinity School.

October 9. Sailed for Porto Rico on steamer "Caracas."

October 10, *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.* At sea. Held service and preached.

October 14. Landed at San Juan, P. R.

October 17, *Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.* Detained at home by illness of my mother and severe rains.

October 24, *Twentieth Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan, St. John's Church. A. M., preached. Evening, preached at St. Luke's (Spanish).

October 25. San Juan. Visited parish schools at St. John's and St. Luke's Churches.

October 31, *Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity.* San Juan. A. M., received Holy Communion, St. John's Church. Afternoon, preached at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra.

November 7, *Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity.* Mayagüez. A. M., St. Andrew's Mission, preached and celebrated Holy Communion. Evening, preached at same, all in Spanish.

November 8. Ponce. St. Luke's Hospital, Prayers.

November 9. Same. Daily Prayers during stay at Ponce.

November 10. Same. Baptized a child. Evening, preached at Holy Trinity Church.

November 14, *Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity.* Puerta de Tierra. A. M., St. Luke's Church, celebrated Holy Communion. Afternoon, same, preached in English. Evening, same, preached in Spanish.

November 19. Received resignation of the Rev. E. H. Edson and sent same to Board of Missions.

November 20. Solemnized a marriage at Puerta de Tierra.

November 21, *Sunday next before Advent.* Santurce. Afternoon, San Pablo Mission, address.

November 25, *Thanksgiving Day.* San Juan. A. M., St. John's Church, officiated and preached.

November 28, *First Sunday in Advent.* At home, no appointment.

December 5, *Second Sunday in Advent.* Mayagüez. St. Andrew's Mission. A. M., celebrated Holy Communion and preached. Evening, preached (all in Spanish).

December 10. Sent Letter Dimissory to Rev. David W. Bland, to Central New York. (Accepted by Bishop Olmsted, December 21, 1909.)

December 12, *Third Sunday in Advent.* San Juan. A. M., St. John's Church, celebrated Holy Communion. Later, Morning Prayer and sermon. Afternoon, St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, Evening Prayer and sermon in English. Evening, service and sermon in Spanish. (To supply vacancy at both parishes.)

December 13. Extended term of Lay Reader's license for Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt to January 1 next.

January 18. Ponce. Prayers at Hospital.

December 19, *Fourth Sunday in Advent.* Same as last Sunday, with baptism of an infant beside, at St. John's Church.

December 20. Buried a child, at parents' home, San Juan, a pupil of our parish school.

December 24, *Christmas Eve.* Sunday School Festival, St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra.

December 25, *Christmas Day.* A. M., celebrated Holy Communion at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra. Baptized a child, said Morning Prayer, celebrated Holy Communion and preached at St. John's Church, San Juan. Afternoon, Evening Prayer and sermon at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra.

December 26, *First Sunday after Christmas.* San Juan. A. M., Morning Prayer and celebration of Holy Communion at St. John's Church, preached. Afternoon, Evening Prayer and sermon (English) at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra. Evening, same place, service and sermon in Spanish.

December 27, *St. John the Evangelist's Day.* Evening, Christmas Festival at St. John's Church, San Juan. Later attended Governor's reception.

December 29. Evening, Santurce, Parish Festival of San Pablo Mission.

December 30. Evening, Park District, Festival of Mission of the Annunciation.

December 31. Received notice of Letter Dimissory of December 10, to take effect December 21, 1910.

1910.

January 1, *Circumcision.* Notified a clergyman absent on leave that he could not return to work in Porto Rico.

January 2, *Second Sunday after Christmas.* Same as last Sunday.

January 4. Extended Lay Readers' licenses of John C. DuBois and Alexander E. Horton to January 1, 1911.

January 5. Sent out letter of Finance Committee to Parishes and Missions regarding Convocation expenses.

January 8. San Juan. Church of St. John Baptist. Evening, solemnized a marriage.

January 9, *First Sunday after Epiphany.* Same as last Sunday.

January 10. Issued Lay Reader's license to Frank A. Farnsworth, and extended those of José Archilla, Joaquin Medina, Juan Benitez and Enrique Cuervos, all to terminate January 1, 1911.

January 15. Ponce. St. Luke's Hospital, service and address.

January 16, *Second Sunday after Epiphany.* Ponce. A. M., Holy Trinity Church, celebrated Holy Communion, with sermon. Baptized a child. Evening, same place, Evening Prayer and sermon. At Hospital, service and address.

January 17. Ponce. Prayers at Hospital. Solemnized a marriage and baptized a child at Holy Trinity Church.

January 19. Ponce. Meeting of Hospital Committee, Prayers at Hospital.

January 20. Ponce. In court as witness in Vogel *vs.* Ruth.

January 21. Ponce. Same. Prayers at Hospital.

January 22. Prayers at Hospital.

January 23, *Septuagesima.* Ponce. Holy Trinity Church. A. M., Morning Prayer and sermon. Evening, Prayer and sermon. Baptized a child at Hospital.

January 25, *Conversion of St. Paul.* Service at Hospital.

January 26. Ponce. Met Wardens and Vestry of Holy Trinity Church.

January 30, *Sexagesima.* San Juan. A. M., celebrated Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and sermon. Afternoon, St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, Evening Prayer and sermon. Evening, same, service and sermon (Spanish).

February 2, *Purification B. V. M.* Went to Ponce with sick lady and nurse.

February 3. Returned to San Juan.

February 6, *Quinquagesima.* San Juan. A. M., St. Luke's Church, celebrated Holy Communion. Later, at St. John's, Litany and celebration with sermon. Afternoon, at St. Luke's, Evening Prayer and sermon. Evening, same place, service and sermon (in Spanish).

February 8. Mayagüez. Visited school and mission of St. Andrew. Evening, at Ponce, Prayers in Hospital.

February 9, *Ash Wednesday.* Ponce. A. M., Litany, sermon and celebration of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church. Evening, Prayers at Hospital.

February 10. Ponce. A. M., baptized a child at hospital. Evening, same, confirmed a nurse (native).

February 11. Ponce. A. M., at Hospital, celebrated Holy Communion.

February 13, *First Sunday in Lent.* San Juan. A. M., St. John's Church, celebrated Holy Communion (Spanish). Later, Morning Prayer and sermon (English). Evening, at St. Luke's, Evening Prayer and address (Spanish).

February 20, *Second Sunday in Lent.* Same as last Sunday; except sermons, preached by others.

February 24. Evening. San Juan. The Annunciation Mission. Baptism.

February 25. Appointed two presbyters in Nashotah to act as Examining Chaplains for a postulant from Porto Rico.

February 26. Sent Letter Dimissory to Rev. E. H. Edson to Western New York.

February 27, *Third Sunday in Lent.* San Juan. A. M., Holy Communion (Spanish) at St. John's Church. Later, Morning Prayer, sermon and confirmation of three persons (English). Afternoon, St. Luke's, Evening Prayer and sermon (English), St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra. Evening, service and address (Spanish).

February 28. San Juan. Held Parish Meeting at St. John's Church.
March 2. Sailed for New York, steamer "Philadelphia."
March 6, *Fourth Sunday in Lent.* At sea. Held service and preached.
February 8. New York. Attended meeting of Board of Missions.
March 12. Called to Louisville by death in my family.
March 13, *Fifth Sunday in Lent.* On the railroad.
March 14, Louisville, Ky. Attended burial services.
March 15 At Indianapolis.
March 17. At Cincinnati. Attended Lenten Service, Lyric Theatre.
March 19. At Pittsburgh. Interview with the Bishop.
March 20, *Palm Sunday.* Pittsburgh. A. M., at Calvary Church, addressed Sunday School. Later, preached at St. Peter's Church, Wilkinsburg.
March 21. Washington, D. C. In conference with the Bishop.
March 22. Same.
March 24, *Maundy Thursday.* New Haven, Conn. Participated in celebration of Holy Communion (evening) at St. Paul's Church.
March 27, *Easter Day.* New York. A. M., received Holy Communion at Italian service, Calvary Church, no appointment.
March 28. New Haven, Conn. On account of death in wife's family.
March 29. Same. Attended burial services.
April 3, *First Sunday after Easter.* Easton, Pa. Attended services, A. M. and P. M., at Trinity Church, no appointment.
April 10, *Second Sunday after Easter.* A. M., attended service, St. George's Church, New York. Evening, preached on Christian Unity at Church of the Intercession, New York.
April 12. Attended meeting, Board of Missions, New York.
April 16. Met Miss Woodruff, applicant for teacher's position. Afterward, sailed for Porto Rico, steamer "Carolina."
April 17, *Third Sunday after Easter.* At sea. No service on account of weather.
April 21. Landed in San Juan.
April 24, *Fourth Sunday after Easter.* San Juan. A. M., celebrated Holy Communion at St. Luke's Church. Later, preached at St. John's Church. Evening, train for Ponce.
April 25. Ponce. Consulted Clerk of Vestry regarding sanitary plumbing. Afternoon, meeting of Local Commitee of Hospital. Evening, Prayers at Hospital.
April 26. Ponce. Participated in marriage at Holy Trinity Church. Visited School. Arranged for sanitary plumbing. Prayers at Hospital.
April 27. Mayagüez. Visited St. Andrew's School. Arranged with city authorities for sanitary plumbing.
April 29. San Juan. Received acceptance of Letter Dimissory of Rev. E. H. Edson, date of acceptance March 5. (See February 26 above.)

UPON THE DEATH OF KING EDWARD VIII OF ENGLAND.

To the Clergy and Laity in the Communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Missionary District of Porto Rico: Greeting.

Dearly Beloved:

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take out of this world the soul of his late majesty, Albert Edward, King of Great Britain and Ireland and her dependencies, and Emperor of India; and

Forasmuch as this affliction touches with sorrow the hearts of English-speaking people in all lands, and moves with profoundest sympathy all Christian nations; and

Forasmuch as the royal obsequies have been set for Friday, the twentieth day of the month of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ten; therefore

I would affectionately recommend that, on that day, at ten o'clock in the morning, the bells on the churches of our faith be tolled, and that public services at half-past ten be held, of a memorial character, expressive of our loving sympathy for the royal family and for the afflicted nation, and in token of the grief which we share with our brethren in the communion of the Mother Church of England in this bereavement.

In virtue of the canonical authority vested in me, and in tender sympathy for all who mourn, I hereby set forth for use on that occasion the accompanying Prayer.

And with affectionate greeting, I remain, faithfully your Friend and Brother.

Given under my hand and seal at San Juan, Porto Rico, this thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten.

James H. Van Buren,
Bishop of Porto Rico.

[seal.]

Prayer.

O merciful God and heavenly Father who hast taught us in thy holy word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, Look with pity we beseech thee upon the sorrows of thy servants, the widowed Queen and the Royal Family of England, the subjects of Great Britain in all lands, and all who are bereaved in the death of Albert Edward, their gracious King. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit them with trouble, and to bring distress upon them. And we, who, by ties of kindred, language, faith, history and literature, are their friends and brethren, knit together with them in all that concerns them of a common destiny, and for the advancement of human weal and progress in the things that make for peace and virtue, would beseech thee to remember them O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to them; endue their souls with patience under their affliction; and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon them, and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

APPENDIX II.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Aguas Buenas—*Mission of the Advent.*—José Archilla, Lay Reader.

Statistics.—Individuals, 33. Baptized persons, 33. Communicants, 10. Teachers in Sunday School, 2; pupils, about 30.

Mayaguez—*St. Andrew's Mission.*—Mr. Enrique Cuervos and Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, Mayagüez, P. R., Lay Reader.

Statistics.—Individuals, 254. Baptized persons, 200. Communicants, 42. Teachers in Sunday School, 8; pupils, 200. Teachers in Parish School, 5; pupils, 178. Baptisms, infants, 19. Marriages, 5. Burials, 6. Communicants, added by removal, 1; lost, by removal, 4. Average attendance at services, 68. Value Church property, $3,381. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $94.89; Communion alms, $6.60; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $2,600; other sources, $145; contributed for missions, $72; Visiting Clergy, $29.91; publication of JOURNAL, $10. Total Parish and other contributions, $213.40.

Needs: (*a*) A church. (*b*) A new and properly equipped schoolhouse. (*c*) A clergyman.

Ponce—*Holy Trinity Parish.*—Rev. Leonard Read, Rector. Address, Ponce, P. R. Wardens, J. Umbach and Fernando Toro. Treasurer, John C. Dubois. Clerk, A. E. Horton.

Statistics.—Individuals, 180. Baptized persons, 180. Communicants, 100. Teachers in Sunday Schools, 1; pupils, 71. Teachers in Parish School, 1; pupils, 53. Baptisms, infants, 7. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8. Communicants, lost by death, 5; lost by removal, 8. Average attendance at services, about 35. Value of Church property, $12,000. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $329.04; Communion alms, $42; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $2,560; contributed for missionary purposes, $45.96; Cemetery Fund, $12.75; Clergy Relief Fund, $10; Funeral Fund, $13.58. Total of Parish and other contributions, $453.33.

Needs: The Church building of iron and wood, erected in 1873, shows serious and dangerous decay, and a new building will soon become a necessity.

Ponce—*St. Luke's Memorial Hospital.*—Rev. Leonard Read, Minister-in-charge. Treasurer, J. Umbach. Secretary, Rector of Holy Trinity Church.

Statistics.—Baptisms, infants, 3. Confirmations, 1; candidates, 3. Average attendance at services, 15. Value of Church property, $75,000. Contributions: Communion alms placed in alms box at Hospital.

San Juan, Puerta de Tierra—*St. Luke's Mission.*—Treasurer, Paul Kean. Clerk, Napoleon Johns. Mr. Joaquin Medina, Lay Reader. Mrs. Carmen Reus, Parish Visitor.

Statistics.—Communicants, 127. Teachers in Sunday Schools, 5; pupils, 115. Teachers in Parish School, 4; pupils, 120. Baptisms, infants, 6. Confirmations, 16. Marriages, 6. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $214.46; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $3.325; contributed for missionary purposes, $35; for other purposes, $10. Total of Parish and other contributions, $259.46.

San Juan—*Church of St. John the Baptist.*—Rev. F. A. Warden, Rector. Address, San Juan, P. R. Wardens, T. G. I. Waymouth and Captain Edwin I. Griffiths. Clerk, Edward Mayers.

Statistics.—Individuals, about 240. Baptized persons, 234. Communicants, American, 71; Porto Rican, 23. Teachers in Sunday School, 3; pupils, 50. Teachers in Parish School, 2; pupils, 60; Baptisms, infants, 9. Confirmations, 8. Marriages, 7. Burials, 3. Communicants, added by removal, 3; by confirmation, 8; by removal, 25. Value of Church property, $37,500. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $1,843.51; Communion alms, $6.34; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $800; contributed for missionary purposes, $50. Total of Parish and other contributions, $1,899.85.

Santurce, Borinquen Park—*Mission of the Annunciation.*—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, Missionary. Mr. Juan Benitez, Catechist.

Statistics.—Individuals, 125. Teachers in Sunday School, 3; pupils, 74. Average attendance at services, 62. Contributions: Received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $240; contributed for missionary purposes, 2. Total of contributions, $2.

Santurce—*Mission of St. Paul.*—Joaquin Medina, Catechist.

Statistics.—Individuals, 94. Communicants, 10. Average attendance at services, about 40.

Vieques—*All Saints' Church.*—Miss Sarah Davidson, Parish Worker. Wardens, A. J. Sykes and Cain Callwood. Treasurer, S. R. Davidson. Clerk, John Walker.

Statistics.—Individuals, about 190. Baptized persons, same. Communicants, 52. Teachers in Sunday School, 1; pupils, 60. Pupils in Sewing Class, 34. Baptisms, adults, 5. Candidates for confirmation, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6. Value of Church property, $5,00. Con-

tributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $33.55; Communion alms, $25.40; received from D. and F. Missionary Society, $667; from Auxiliary, United Offering, $450; from Bishop, $512.71; contributed for missionary purposes, $27; for General Clergy Relief Fund, $5; printing JOURNAL, $5.25. Total Parish and other contributions, $96.20.

Needs: A rector.

SUMMARY.

Parishes and Missions	9
Clergy	4
Communicants	435
Sunday School Teachers	23
Sunday School Pupils	600
Parish School Teachers	12
Parish School Pupils	403
Baptisms	43
Confirmations	26
Marriages	26
Burials	23
Total of Contributions	$2,924.24

APPENDIX III.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AT THE SIXTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE PROTESTANT ESPICOPAL CHURCH IN THE MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO.

EXPENDITURE.

Traveling expenses in United States:

Expenses of the Bishop in United States		$306.38

Insurance:

Paid insurance on Episcopal residence to April 26.....		77.63

E. W. Barney:

Salary of Bishop's Secretary in New Haven to March 31		454.97

Printing Account:

Paid impression of JOURNAL of Fifth Annual Convocation and copies of same.....	$100.00	
Less apportionments of Parishes collected....	24.01	
	$75.99	
Paid for printing circulars in United States, stationery, typewriting and other sundries for Bishop's use	197.38	
		273.37

St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra:

Balance standing in last report		$7,897.54	
Cost of new fence put up this year....	$60.00		
Cost of new roof on the Church	322.00		
Partitions and sundries	29.38		
		411.38	
			8,308.92

Mission at Vieques:

Paid for repairs and alterations to All Saints' Rectory, including foundation walls	489 23

Mayagüez School:

Balance unchanged since last report	2,516.30

Mission of the Annunciation:

Balance unchanged since last report.....		$25.00

Special Fund:

Paid salary of student J. R. Benitez for November, 1909, to April, 1910, at $17.50 per month	$105.00	
Paid salary of student J. R. Benitez for part of October	7.50	
Paid salary of student P. R. Reinhart for December, 1909, to March, 1910, at $10 per month	40.00	
Advanced by the Rev. F. A. Warden for months previous to October and returned to him	22.50	
		175

Episcopal Residence:

Received for rent for months April 18 to June 30	$96.00	
Less portion belonging to Mrs. Van Buren for rent of her furniture	36.00	
	$60.00	
Paid for repairs, including painting and plumbing	$370.78	
Paid caretaker during Bishop's absence	27.50	
Taxes	46.97	
	445.25	
		385.25

St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce:

Amounts forwarded to the Treasurer from April 8, 1909, to March 31, 1910.....	$5,593.00	
Amounts forwarded to the Treasurer to cover advance on current expenses	41.08	
Book shelves and table	9.00	
Repairs paid March 31	400.00	
		6,043.08

Salaries and Appropriations:

Disbursed on account of the above up to April 30, 1910:		
One-half of Bishop's salary (the other half having been paid in the United States to his order) for January, March and May..	$499.00	
Teachers and school expenses at Mayagüez for January-April	906.64	

Teachers and school expenses at San Juan, P. R., and one-half of Rector's salary for April	$609.76	
Teachers and school expenses at Ponce and Rector's salary for March-April	463.87	
Teachers and Rector's salary for January-February at Vieques	283.32	
Teachers at Puerta de Tierra for December, 1909, to April, 1910	728.91	
Lay Reader and rent of Church building at Santurce for December, 1909, to April, 1910	186.00	
Lay Reader and rent of Church building at Aguas Buenas	210.00	
Donation to St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce, for January to April inclusive	333.32	
		4,220.82
		$23,275.95

Balance in American Colonial Bank:

For account of St. Luke's Church	$7.50	
For salaries and appropriations	1,290.51	
For repairs to Mayagüez School	500.00	
For repairs to Ponce School	248.24	
For House of Resident Physician	2,065.00	
For Bishop's Discretionary Fund	29.21	
Available for Church extension	277.01	
		$4,417.47

Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society:

In hands of the Treasurer to April 1	659.21	
		5,076.68

RECEIPTS.

Church Extension Fund:

Balance on hand as per last report		$18,807.80
The following accounts were balanced by transfer to this account:		
Traveling expenses	$308.69	
Insurance	186.31	
E. W. Barney	508.30	
Printing account	360.03	
General expense account	52.00	
St. Luke's Hospital	4,584.25	
		5,999.58
Leaving a balance on hand		$12,808.22

Specials received during the year up to April 1, 1910	$7,049.13	
	$19,857.35	
Less paid for ventilating St. John's Church	23.50	
		$19,833.85

Bishop's Discretionary Fund:

Balance as per last report	$193.08	
Yearly allowance for this expense	400.00	
Received from Church of St. John the Baptist for children's Christmas	3.00	
	$596.08	
Paid by order of Bishop for divers purposes and at sundry times	$533.82	
Traveling expenses of Rev. L. Read from Ponce to Vieques on April 17 and 26, to be reimbursed by Board	33.05	
	566.87	
		29.21

House of Resident Physician, St. Luke's Hospital:

Received subscriptions up to date	$2,065.00

Ponce School:

Received from Board of Missions for Sanitary Repairs to be undertaken shortly	248.24

Mayagüez School:

Received from Board of Missions for Sanitary Repairs to be undertaken shortly	500.00

Salaries and Appropriations:

Received from Rev. E. H. Edson on his departure from Porto Rico	$141.42	
Received from Board of Missions for December-May	5,369.91	
		5,511.33

E. H. Edson:

Received for altar linen for St. Luke's Church	7.50

Special Fund:

Received from Mrs. Georgine H. Thomas for expenses of theological students for October to March	$150.00	
Received from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund to complete months of January-March	7.50	
		157.50
		$28,352.63

T. G. I. WAYMOUTH, *Treasurer.*

San Juan, P. R., May 5, 1910.

Audited:

ALBERT E. LEE,
FREDERICK A. WARDEN.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF ST. LUKE, THE BELOVED PHYSICIAN, PONCE, P. R.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

MAY 1, 1909, TO APRIL 30, 1910.

EXPENDITURES.

Maintenance account	$6,247.89
Transportation, cartage of goods, printing	299.38
Fire insurance	
Furnishing second story and nurses' home	1,144.84
Medical director, for services in administration	499.98
Total	$8,192.09

INCOME.

Cash on hand, May 1, 1909	$89.20
From Mrs. Thomas	1,650.00
Board of Missions	2,663.25
Treasurer Waymouth	2,740.96
Centrales	454.00
Patients and visitors	423.98
Steamers	135.00
Rebate on provisions	1.14
Carpenter Grevi money paid to plumber, which he had to pay	39.12
Interest on money deposited for crippled children's ward	2.71
Lucas Valediviero's subscription	25.00
Total	$8,224.36
Expenditures	8,192.09
Cash on hand May 1, 1910	$32.27

F. MANUEL TORO, *Acting Treasurer.*

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

ST. LUKE'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, 1907-1908.

Patients Coming to the Hospital.

		Free days.	Total.			Free days.	Total.
October 28-31.	1	1	2	May 25	327	714	
November ...	9	3	156	June 20	276	560	
December	10	39	263	July 33	365	699	
January	17	43	244	August 23	535	609	
February	23	59	338	September ... 28	547	741	
March	18	114	348	October 27	593	907	
April	31	171	474				
				Total 265	3,072	6,055	

Confinements 6

Deaths 5

1908-1909.

Patients in Hospital November 1, 1908 26

Patients Coming to the Hospital.

		Free days.	Total.			Free days.	Total.
November ...	36	479	754	June 28	344	725	
December ...	27	446	892	July 29	123	604	
January	37	315	709	August 27	139	460	
February	32	448	769	September ... 39	184	756	
March	43	455	821	October 36	296	772	
April	42	269	776				
May	44	311	882	Total 420	3,809	8,920	

Confinements 10

Deaths 9

NOVEMBER 1, 1909-APRIL 30, 1910.

Patients in hospital, November 1, 1909 26

Patients Coming to the Hospital.

		Free days.	Total.			Free days.	Total.
November ...	38	257	...	February	44	240	...
Centrales		73	737	Centrales		53	853
December ...	46	321	...	March	63	305	...
Centrales		74	909	Centrales		75	866
January	59	248	...	April	69	200	...
Centrales		89	954	Centrales		109	955
				Total	319	2,044	5,270

Confinements	10
Deaths	10

Total Work in Two and a Half Years.

	Patients	Free days.	Total.
1907-1908	265	3,072	6,055
1908-1909	420	3,809	8,920
1909-Apr. 30,1910	319	2,044	5,274
Total	1,004	8,925	20,249

	Confinements.	Deaths.
1907-1908	6	5
1908-1909	10	9
1909-April 30, 1910 ...	10	10
Total	26	24

MAY 1, 1909-APRIL 30, 1910.

Income and Donations from Patients, Alms Box, Subscriptions.

	Patients.	Alms box.	Sub-script's		Patients	Alms box.	Sub-script's
May	$867.00	$7.87	$49.75	February	651.25	1.75	136.05
June	566.00	1.75	64.95	March.....	670.50	4.10	102.65
July	639.00	2.95	78.05	April, 1910	853.25	3.25	106.50
August ..	579.50	2.52	70.15	Central Guanica			365.00
September	812.50	13.25	85.15	Central Fortuna (since August, 1909)			273.00
October .	645.00	10.05	80.10	Central Merceditha (since September, 1909)			320.00
November	523.00	3.75	79.70				
December	612.75	4.00	72.70				
January...	736.00	8.10	128.25	Total ..	$8,155.75	$63.28	$2,112.00

MAY 1, 1909-APRIL 30, 1910.

Total income: From Patients	$8,155.75
Alms box	63.28
Subscriptions	2,112.00
Total	$10,331.03
Money due from patients April 30, 1910 (half year).....	$575.75
Money which could not be collected last half year	30.00

MAY 1, 1909-APRIL 30, 1910.

EXPENDITURES.		INCOME (CASH).	
May	$1,404.03	May	$1,053.65
June	1,503.27	June	795.42
July	1,155.16	July	795.91
August	1,124.66	August	874.21
September	1,155.21	September	779.37
October	1,928.87	October	1,318.92
November	1,056.12	November	750.32
December	1,038.82	December	842.87
January	1,231.13	January	957.64
February	1,244.26	February	937.84
March	1,350.41	March	913.00
April	1,448.28	April	976.95
Total	$15,640.22	Total	$10,996.10

Third Half Year.

NOVEMBER 1, 1909-APRIL 30, 1910.

EXPENDITURES.		INCOME.	
November	$1,056.12	November	$750.32
December	1,038.82	December	842.87
January	1,231.13	January	957.64
February	1,244.26	February	937.84
March	1,350.41	March	913.00
April	1,353.28	April	976.95
		Total	$5,378.62
		Money due	515.75
Total	$7,274.02	Total	$5,894.37

Eighty per cent of running expenses covered by local income.

PONCE, April 30, 1910.

Respectfully,

DR. CARL VOGEL,
Medical Director.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATION TO THE PORTO RICAN MISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1910, AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 1911. ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF MISSIONS AT ITS MEETING OF MAY 10, 1910.

Item.		Annual Rate in U. S. Gold Dollars.	
I.	GENERAL.		
1.	The Bishop's salary	$3,000.00	
2.	The Bishop's official traveling expenses within the Missionary District up to	300.00	
3.	The Bishop's Discretionary Fund	400.00	
			$3,700.00
II.	MAYAGÜEZ.		
4.	Successor to the Rev. D. W. Bland	$1,200.00	
5.	Rent	400.00	
6.	St. Andrew's Mission (running expenses)	120.00	
7.	Rent of church building	300.00	
8.	Miss E. H. McCollough[1]	800.00	
9.	School expenses, including salaries of Native Teachers	1,037.40	
10.	Kindergartner or American assistant	800.00	
11.	Insurance, school	32.05	
			$4,689.45
III.	SAN JUAN.		
12.	The Rev. F. A. Warden[2] (half salary)	$800.00	
13.	Miss L. R. Kennedy[1]	800.00	
14.	Dolores Romañat[1]	420.00	
15.	School expenses	448.00	
16.	Juan Bemitez, Catechist	120.00	
17.	Rent and care of Annunciation Mission Building	120.00	
			$2,708.00
IV.	PONCE.		
18.	The Rev. L. Read	$1,000.00	
19.	Miss Frances Cuddy	800.00	
20.	School expenses	72.00	
21.	St. Luke's Hospital	1,000.00	
22.	Nurse for hospital	800.00	
23.	Successor to the Rev. J. F. Droste	800.00	
			$4,472.00

[1] Appointed under the Woman's Auxiliary United Offering.

[2] The congregation of the Church of St. John the Baptist at San Juan is to pay $800 a year in addition to above stipend.

V.	VIEQUES.		
24.	Successor to the Rev. L. Read	$800.00	
25.	Miss S. R. Davidson[1]	450.00	
			1,250.00
VI.	PUERTA DE TIERRA.		
26.	Successor to the Rev. E. H. Edson	$1,200.00	
27.	House rent up to	400.00	
28.	School expenses and supplies	670.00	
29.	Mrs. C. Reus (Teacher)	300.00	
30.	Insurance	108.68	
31.	Mrs. Herman Luther[1]	800.00	
32.	American assistant (to be appointed) ..	800.00	
			4,278.68
VII.	AGUAS BUENAS.		
33.	José Archilla	$420.00	
34.	Rent of church	84.00	
35.	Travel	96.00	
			600.00
VIII.	SANTURCE.		
36.	Joaquin Medina	$396.00	
37.	Rent of St. Paul's Church	144.00	
			540.00
	Total		$22,238.13

E. and O. E.

CHURCH MISSIONS HOUSE,
281 Fourth Avenue, New York.
May 11, 1910.

A true copy.

Attest: JOSHUA KIMBER,
Associate Secretary.

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APPENDIX IV.

REPORTS (Condensed).

ST. ANDREW'S DAY SCHOOL, MAYAGUEZ, PORTO RICO.

We have, in April, 170 pupils in St. Andrew's School, with an attendance of 135, an increase in attendance from 95 in October.

One of the things which encourage us is the steady improvement in the per cent of attendance. In January we were obliged to put a class in charge of a young girl who had come to be trained as a teacher. There were more little children than could be crowded into the two rooms assigned to them. She has proved helpful and efficient, and has tried, together with the other teachers, Miss Adela Rivera, Miss Amanda Castro and Miss Helenia Castro, to help me to carry out the Bishop's constant admonitions to put thoroughness first, to choose efficiency rather than numbers, and to remember that only through faith and patience can we hope for real growth. We have prospered just in so far as we have observed these admonitions. The tone of the school seems to be steadily improving, and we hope for great things from St. Andrew's.

The children gather in the patio every morning, and from there march to the church to join in the shortened form of Morning Prayer which Mr. Cuervos reads daily. Their first study in the morning is the Church Catechism, in the afternoon the English Bible, for those who can use it. The Bishop has given me an order for Spanish Bibles for the use of the others.

We have five pupils who have done fifth grade work, and these hope to remain with us. Two of them are looking forward with pleasure to the study of church history. These two were confirmed by the Bishop on May 8th.

By far the larger number of our pupils are little folk, which we think will prove an advantage in the long run.

Three of our little ones died during the epidemic of measles in the fall.

One little boy, sick unto death, said to his little sister Sunday morning, "Take my cent to the Sunday School." He died that afternoon, and we sometimes think his example has not been lost, though he was with us only six weeks.

We received a very nice box from St. Peter's Sunday School, Auburn, N. Y., at Christmas.

IDA MCCOLLOUGH,
Principal.

REPORT OF HOLY TRINITY PARISH SCHOOL, PONCE.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, May 6, 1910.

The Rt. Rev. James H. Van Buren, D.D., San Juan:

MY DEAR BISHOP: The work this season in Trinity Church School has been much like that of last year.

There have been fewer children, but on that account those who have enrolled have had more special attention than it would have been possible to give them if a greater number had entered. Since Christmas the average attendance has been poor, owing to an epidemic of measles and mumps.

If there were an assistant teacher here our work could be carried on more effectively.

The Junior Auxiliary, made up of girls in day and Sunday School, have met regularly Friday afternoons to learn drawn work, and on this work we have realized almost eight dollars for our missionary offering at the Triennial Convention.

Enrolment for the year, 53; average attendance, 46.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCES CUDDY,
Principal.

REPORT OF ST. LUKE'S PARISH SCHOOL, PUERTA DE TIERRA.

School opened September 25th with a roomful of children waiting to be enrolled. We filled the benches, taking in 90, which is our seating capacity.

The usual Christmas festivities took place December 23d. Through the kindness of the Junior Auxiliary of St. John's Church, Auburn, we received a large box of presents and clothing. Everything was appreciated and very acceptable.

During the latter part of February an epidemic of measles kept many children at home, one death occurring.

Decided progress has been made during the past year, particularly in English. The partitioning of a class room within the school room proper has been a great help in securing better results in class and from those who are studying.

A fine large clock sent over from Ponce to take the place of our old one, to which an accident happened, has been a source of great satisfaction.

Although we have a substantial fence around the school yard, our neighbors still use it as a dumping ground, even tearing the palings from the fence for their greater convenience. But since the Finance Committee gave it a thorough cleaning we have not been so much troubled.

Our average daily attendance has been 78. Children have remained at home from lack of clothes, particularly shoes, though we lay stress upon the fact that shoes are not an all important article of apparel.

Appreciating much the privilege of being one of the workers in this field, I shall strive for more apparent results next year.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN ARNOLD LUTHER,
Principal.

REPORT OF ST. JOHN'S PARISH SCHOOL.

SAN FRANCISCO AND RECINTO STREETS.

Opening day, September 27, 1909.

Enrolment, September 27, 1909	25
Total enrolment to date	82
Average attendance to date	35

Our attendance and punctuality have been much more regular this year. Only two or three cases of calentura have been reported, but we often hear "No zapatos" (shoes.) The interest in English increases, and especially do the pupils welcome the arithmetic, drawing and music periods. They do enjoy the Hiawatha story. The wigwam seldom misses a daily presentation and at present "Ishkoodah, the Comet," is made more real by the coming of Halley's comet. The children like to say that little poem of Stevenson's, "I saw you toss the kites on high," as well as "Great, wide, beautiful, wonderful world." They never seem more content than when repeating the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Beatitudes and also Psalms 23 and 130. The portable organ has been a great help in our work and we are grateful to the Dioceses of New York and Long Island for the Christmas boxes received. We extend our appreciation to the Woman's Auxiliary, of Muscatine, Iowa, for another fine "Mission Box," recently received.

The Sunday School has been a source of encouragement, and we are glad to report that four boys and one girl are preparing for confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

LETTICE R. KENNEDY,
Principal.

By Assistant: DOLORES ROMAÑAT.
May 10, 1910.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, PONCE.

As I only took charge of this Parish two months ago, I fear that I am not in a position to give anything like an adequate report of the work done here.

I may, however, begin by saying that after the late rector, The Rev. Arthur Starr Jukes, left here in September last, services were held by the two lay readers, Messrs. J. C. DuBois and A. E. Horton; and the congregation thus held together. Occasionally, too, as opportunity offered, the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop. The services were fairly well attended, but of course the absence of the Parish Priest was felt and realized in more ways than one.

Services are now held both in English and in Spanish.

The church building, composed of wood and iron, was erected and consecrated in the year 1873, and the perishable nature of the wood begins alarmingly too evidence itself, and it is becoming so rotten and worm eaten as to be dangerous. In a short time the actual building must of necessity be replaced, but the present worshippers are absolutely unable for one moment to consider the possibility of their providing more than a fraction of the requisite outlay. Outside help for the purpose must speedily be forthcoming, and it is earnestly to be hoped that help will be promptly and adequately supplied for this very urgent requirement. A fund for this purpose has already been started, but nothing can be done in the matter until a sufficient sum is collected for the walls to be erected as a commencement.

The St. Luke's Memorial Hospital is visited as occasion offers, and services are held there by the rector in Spanish or when thought more expedient in English. Holy Communion being administered on Wednesday morning, and services held in the afternoon on Sundays, a few patients and some nurses attend.

These services have occasionally been interfered with by absence from Ponce in order to hold services in Mayagüez or in Vieques, in both of which places the absence of a Priest renders this necessary, but it is hoped that the vacancy in each of these places may soon be filled.

The Women's Guild holds regular fortnightly meetings, religious and social alternately, which gives an opportunity for Parish matters to be talked over, ensuring a pleasant cordial interest in things of general use. In this way the poor and sick are usually reported and the dues are easily collected for the women's offering, and it is proposed to employ some of these meetings for other special objects.

The Day School, under Miss Cuddy, seems to be doing good work, and most of the same children also attend the Sunday School and church services, and in a short time we hope to present some of them as candidates for confirmation.

The unsanitary conditions of the plumbing, done when the alterations were made to the school buildings, are about to be attended to, in order to avoid further question and trouble from the local Board of Health, which of late has been active in this matter.

On certain days each week the sewing class meets and it is pleasing to notice the advance and progress made by some of the children in the execution of drawn work, which some of them are able to do now very nicely.

LEONARD READ, *Rector.*

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, VIEQUES.

Since my report last year—in order to maintain the possession of the land between the church and the rectory, and prevent the erection there of a small native dwelling house which would have entirely destroyed the beauty and comfort of the place and sacrificed the present flower garden upon which Miss Davidson has expended so successfully so much care and attention, it became necessary to occupy the space with buildings. By this improvement and necessary expense the church is provided with a belfry and the Parish Hall a porch, which gives agreeable shade on hot days and prevents the rain from driving in in wet weather.

Besides this work, strong sustaining walls have been placed below the rectory, thus preventing the destruction of the building through the high winds which at times so alarmingly threatened to lift the building from its seating upon the posts of native wood, which in some cases were found to be entirely rotted away on the surface of the ground. While these walls were in course of erection, it was also arranged to further consolidate the walls for water cisterns, and now this serious deficiency has been supplied and capacity provided for about thirty barrels of water, leading to which a conductor from the rectory roof was completed.

A roof over the belfry was supplied by a kind friend, when it was discovered that the funds which the Bishop could spare, would not cover this expense, and by so doing the work has the look of a well designed scheme and nicely carried out.

Just as all these improvements were nearly completed, and the comforts of the residence increased, a pressing call came from Ponce to fill the vacancy as rector at Holy Trinity Church, where for some years I had ministered as a layman, and also as assistant minister, previously to being appointed to the charge of All Saints'. It seemed a difficult matter to decide to tear myself from Vieques and all my interesting and useful work, but the increased importance of Ponce, through the magnificent work being now done at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital, of which as rector of Holy Trinity Church I would be the [illegible], and the much enlarged sphere of usefulness which would be opened to me, all considered together enabled me to see that I must [illegible] any ideas of personal inclination and the anticipated hope of [illegible] the increased comforts just provided, and all erected since [illegible] when I went to Vieques. I felt, therefore, that it was

my duty not to prefer the quiet happiness of the unobtrusive work at All Saints', but to sacrifice them in order to undertake the more extensive work in Ponce, where it seemed probable that my services might be more useful in many ways. The pure air of Vieques, the quiet calm and rural simplicity of my rectory there, was changed for the rush and bustle of the city life, with its dismal whistles of the heavily laden trains of sugar cane, and the horrible toots of the numerous automobiles and constant passing of the electric trolley cars, with the large quantity of dust they so often raised, all calculated to make one at once realize the striking change. But the evident response of the congregation, and hearty sympathy in the church services, coupled with the personal feeling of cordial earnestness in the work enables one to look forward with hope for a great success in my new sphere of labor.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD READ.

May 6, 1910.

APPENDIX V.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CONVOCATION OF PORTO RICO.

Order of Business First Day of the Convocation.

1. At 8.30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.

2. At the conclusion of the Holy Communion, the Bishop shall take the Chair and call the Convocation to order.

3. Election of a Secretary by ballot.

4. Roll call by the Secretary, the List to be provided by the Bishop.

5. Appointment by the Bishop of a Committee on Qualifications, to whom shall be referred any questions touching membership. Undisputed names and credentials to be acted on at once without debate. Questions raised or referred to the Convocation by the Committee on Qualifications to be laid aside temporarily.

6. A constitutional quorum being present, in both orders, the President shall declare the Convocation organized for business.

7. The President shall announce the appointment of the following:

(*a*) The Chancellor.
(*b*) A Committee on the Admission of new Parishes and Missions, to consist of one clergyman and one layman.
(*c*) The Committee on Finance, to consist of the Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.
(*d*) A Committee on Unfinished Business.
(*e*) A Committee on Nominations.
(*f*) The Standing Committee.
(*g*) The Auditing Committee of three.

8. The receiving and referring of papers relating to the admission of new Parishes and Missions.

9. Report of Committee on Qualifications temporarily laid aside. Action to be taken immediately after discussion.

10. Presentation of any subject that is to be referred without debate, to special committees for their subsequent report.

11. At 2.30 p. m., the Elections of Officers and Committees, the Committee on Nominations having their report ready to offer, and the election to follow immediately; other nominations being always in order. The President shall announce what elections are to follow, viz.:

(*a*) Treasurer.
(*b*) Registrar.
(*c*) Delegates to the General Convention (in Convention years).

(*d*) Committee on Constitution and Canons (see Canon 13), to consist of two clergymen and one layman.

(*e*) Committee of three members, on the creation and increase of the fund for support of a bishop.

(*f*) Other elections, if there are any.

12. At three o'clock the Bishop's Annual Address, unless he shall prefer some other time.

13. Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.

14. Reports and action on them, as follows:

(*a*) By the Treasurer.

(*b*) By the Registrar.

(*c*) By the President of the Standing Committee.

(*d*) By the Chancellor.

(*e*) By the Committee on Episcopal Support.

(*f*) By the Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.

(*g*) By any other Officer or Committee of the Convocation.

15. Miscellaneous business.

16. Adjournment to the second day.

Order of Business Second Day of Convocation.

17. Morning Prayer at 8.30 a. m., by appoinment of the Bishop.

18. Reading of the Minutes of the preceding day, and action on them.

19. The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjournment the day before, if any.

20. Reports from the several Missionaries, the Teachers, and other workers in the several parts of the District; each to occupy not more than ten minutes, unless by vote of the Convocation extending the time. These reports may be verbal or written, and shall be called for by the President of the Convocation.

21. Reports of any special committees on matters referred to them during the session.

22. At 2.30 p. m., miscellaneous business.

23. Reading of the Minutes, action on them, and after Prayers and Benediction, by the President, adjournment without day, unless another day is necessary for finishing the business. In that case the above shall be the order.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. The usual courtesies of parliamentary observance shall govern at all times.

II. No person shall speak more than twice in the same debate,

without leave of the Convocation, nor more than once until others desiring to speak shall have spoken; but the mover of a resolution shall have the privilege of closing the debate.

III. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specified in the motion calling for appointment of the committee.

IV. No motion shall be entertained unless and until reduced to writing, and seconded by another than the mover, and handed to the Secretary, with the mover's name appended.

V. When a question is before the Convocation, it shall be in order

(*a*) To lay on the table.
(*b*) To postpone to a fixed time.
(*c*) To postpone indefinitely.
(*d*) To limit debate by taking a vote at a fixed time, or by a vote determining the time allowed for each speaker.
(*e*) To commit.
(*f*) To amend.

Motions for any of these proceedings shall be in the order of precedence as named, and a question on any of these shall be decided before the original motion, which shall then be put, as altered or not.

VI. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are proposed. A motion amending an amendment may be entertained, but no second amendment to an amendment can be entertained. A substitute for the whole may be received and acted upon, provided the substitute be on the same subject.

VII. A motion to lay on the table is to be taken at once without debate.

VIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

IX. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convocation, in which case a majority or a tie shall sustain the President's decision.

X. With the consent of the Convocation, the mover may at any time withdraw a motion which has not been put on its passage, in which case it shall not appear upon the Minutes.

XI. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

XII. A motion to reconsider may be made by one who has voted in the majority on its passage, but such motion can be carried only by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

XIII. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convocation may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

XIV. In a vote by Orders, if the delegates from a parish or mission are equally divided, the vote shall be cast, and marked "divided." And such vote shall not be considered as affecting the decision of the question one way or the other.

XV. A constitutional quorum consists of one-third of each Order, or representatives from a majority of the parishes and organized missions of the Convocation. Such quorum is necessary for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

XVI. All elections shall be by ballot.

XVII. For the suspension of the Rules of Order, or for the change of the Order of Business, the consent of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting shall be necessary.

XV. A constitutional quorum consists of one-third of each Order, or representatives from a majority of the parishes and organized missions of the Convocation. Such quorum is necessary for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

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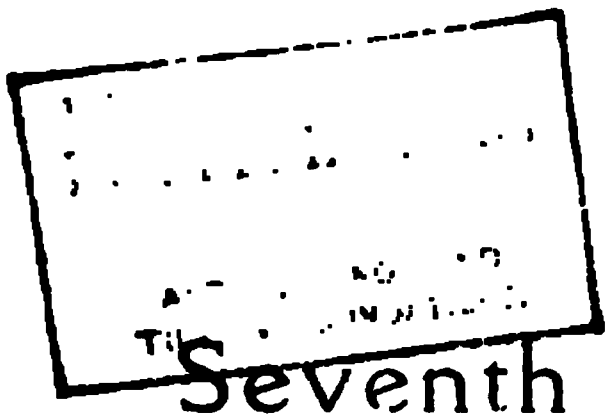
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FROM THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO.

ARTICLE II. There shall be held a Convocation of the Missionary District every year on the second Tuesday and Wednesday in May, unless otherwise ordered by the Ecclesiastical Authority.

By invitation of the rector of the Church of St. John the Baptist the Eighth Annual Convocation is appointed to meet in San Juan on May 14 and 15, 1912.

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NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF CONVOCATION.

The Seventh Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico, will be held (D.V.) in St. Andrew's Church, Mayagüez, on Tuesday, May 9th 1911, beginning with the Holy Communion at 8.30 a. m. The preacher will be the Rev. Samuel F. Adam, of San Juan.

GEORGE L. NELSON,
Secretary.

Aguirre, P. R., April 1, 1911.

LIST OF THE CLERGY.

(In order of Canonical Residence.)

BISHOP.

The Right Reverend James Heartt Van Buren, D.D.
Consecrated June 24, 1902.

PRIESTS.

Feb. 2, 1905. The Rev. Leonard Read.
March 7, 1907. The Rev. Frederick A. Warden.
— — The Rev. Samuel F. Adam. (non-resident).

DEACON. (*Non-parochial.*)

The Rev. Johan F. Droste.

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

Mr. Ernesto D. R. Rivera.* Admitted August 28, 1907. Studying at Sewanee, Tenn.
Mr. Paul R. R. Reinhardt. Admitted May 14, 1910. Studying at Nashotah, Wis.

LICENSED LAY READERS.

Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, ---------- Mayagüez.
Mr. Alexander E. Horton, ---------- Ponce.
Mr. Joaquin Medina, ,---------- Santurce.
Mr. Juan Benitez,---------- San Juan.
Mr. Albert Norman Hansard, ---------- San Juan.
Mr. Enrique Cuervos, ---------- Mayagüez.
Mr. Antero Rivera, ---------- Aguas Buenas.

(All Licenses expire January 1st., 1912.)

NATIVE CATECHISTS.

Mr. Enrique Cuervos, ---------- Mayagüez.
Mr. Antero Rivera, ---------- Aguas Buenas.
Mr. Juan Benitez,---------- San Juan.
Mr. Joaquin Medina, ---------- Santurce.

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* Died August 17, 1911.

TEACHERS.

Miss Frances Cuddy, Principal, ---------- Ponce.
Miss Doris W. Brown, Principal, ---------- San Juan.
Miss Dolores Romañat, Assistant, ---------- San Juan.
Miss E. H. McCollough, Pincipal, ---------- Mayagüez.
Miss Iva M. Woodruff, Kindergartner, ---------- Mayagüez.
Miss Amanda Castro, Assistant, ---------- Mayagüez.
Miss Helenia Castro, Assistant, ---------- Mayagüez.
Miss Adela Rivera, Assistant, ---------- Mayagüez.
Miss Isabel Beauchamp, Assistant, ---------- Mayagüez.
Mrs. Helen A. Luther, Principal, ---------- Puerta de Tierra.
Miss Antonia Ramos, Assistant, ---------- Puerta de Tierra.
Miss Irene Brown, Assistant, ---------- Puerta de Tierra.

PARISH HELPERS.

Miss Sarah R. Davidson, ---------- Vieques.
Mrs. Carmen Reus, ---------- Puerta de Tierra.

GRADUATE MISSIONARY NURSE.

Miss Una F. Dudley, ---------- Mayagüez.

PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

1. Aguas Buenas,—The Advent, ---------- Mr. Antero Rivera.
2. Mayagüez,—St. Andrew, ---------- Mr. Enrique Cuervos.
3. Ponce,—Holy Trinity, ---------- —— ——
4. Ponce,—St. Luke's Hospital, ---------- —— ——
5. Puerta de Tierra,—St. Luke, ---------- Rev. F. A. Warden.
6. San Juan,—St. John the Baptist, ---------- Rev. F. A. Warden.
7. Santurce, (Park.)—Annunciation, ---------- Rev. F. A. Warden.
8. Santurce, (Cerra)—St. Paul, ---------- Mr. Joaquin Medina.
9. Vieques,—All Saints', ---------- Rev. Leonard Read.
10. Cabras Island,—Good Shepherd,---------- Rev. F. A. Warden.
11. San Juan,—Naval Station, ---------- Rev. F. A. Warden.
12. Guanica Central,—(Occasional) ---------- The Bishop.
13. Aguirre Central,—(Occasional) ---------- The Bishop.

ST. LUKE'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL — Ponce.

(Erected in 1907.)

Not Reporting.

Officers and Committees.

President,—The Bishop.
Chancellor,—Hon. J. R. F. Savage, San Juan.
Secretary,—Mr. James H. A. Smith, San Juan.
Treasurer,—Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, San Juan.
Registrar,—Rev. F. A. Warden, San Juan.
Council of Advice,—Rev. F. A. Warden, Rev. L. Read, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Mr. H. W. Dooley.
Finance Committee,—The Bishop, The Treasurer, Rev. F. A. Warden.
Auditing Committee,—Mr. J. H. A. Smith, Mr. Albert E. Lee, Rev. F. A. Warden.
Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions,—Rev. F. A. Warden, Mr. Enrique Cuervos.
Committee on Unfinished Business,—Rev. L. Read, Miss F. Cuddy.
Committee on Constitution and Canons,—Rev. F. A. Warden, Rev. L. Read, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.
Committee on Episcopal Support,—The Treasurer, Rev. L. Read, Miss F. Cuddy.
Committee on Purchase of Property,—The Bishop, Rev. F. A. Warden, The Treasurer, The Secretary.
Delegates to Council of Second Missionary Department,—Rev. L. Read, Mr. H. W. Dooley.
Delegates to General Convention,—Rev. F. A. Warden, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.
Committee on Sunday School Work,—Rev. F. A. Warden, Mr. H. W. Dooley.
Delegates to Department Sunday School Convention,—Mrs. H. A. Luther, Miss F. Cuddy, Miss I. M. Woodruff, Rev. L. Read, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.
Committee on Missionary Apportionment,—Rev. L. Read, Miss F. Cuddy, *Mrs. H. A. Luther.*

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ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

Mayagüez, Porto Rico,
Tuesday May 9, 1911, 8.30 a. m.

The Holy Communion was celebrated in Spanish by the Bishop assisted by the Rev. F. A. Warden.

The Rev. S. F. Adam, of the Diocese of Albany, preached the sermon, his subject being, "The Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting."

After the service the members witnessed the morning exercises of the parish school.

At 10.45 o'clock, the Bishop took the chair and called the convocation to order.

Mr. James H. A. Smith was elected secretary. He being absent, Mr. George L. Nelson, the retiring secretary, consented to act as secretary *pro tem.*

Following is the roll furnished by the Bishop. The names of those not present at any time are printed in italics.

List of Clergy Canonically Resident.—The Right Reverend James Heartt Van Buren, D.D. The Rev. Leonard Read, The Rev. Frederick A. Warden.

Total number of clergy, 3; present, 3; absent 0.

Non-parochial. -The Rev. Johan F. Droste, Deacon.

List of Organized Parishes and Missions and of Lay Delegates from the Same (the names of those not present at any time are printed in italics):

Mayagüez, St. Andrew's Mission, Mr. E. Cuervos, Mr. E. Saavedra.

Ponce, Holy Trinity Parish, Miss F. Cuddy.

Puerta de Tierra, St. Luke's Mission, *Mr. Paul Keen,* Mrs. C. Reus.

San Juan, St. John the Baptist Parish, Mrs. H. A. Luther, Miss D. W. Brown.

Vieques, All Saint's Parish, Miss S. R. Davidson.

Parishes and Missions entitled to representation 5, represented by 8 delegates.

The roll being called it was found that a quorum was present, and the Bishop announced that Convocation was organized.

Upon motion the courtesies of convocation are extended to Rev. S. F. Adam.

The Bishop announced the following appointments:

Chancellor.—Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.—Rev. F. A. Warden, Mr. Enrique Cuervos.

Committee on Finance.—The Bishop, Mr. T. G. I Waymouth, Rev. F. A. Warden.

Committee on Unfinished Business. — Rev. L. Read, Miss F. Cuddy.

Committee on Nominations.—Rev. F. A. Warden, Miss F. Cuddy, Miss S. R. Davidson.

Council of Advice.—Rev. F. A. Warden, Rev. L. Read, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Mr H. W. Dooley.

Auditing Committee.—Mr. J. H. A. Smith, Mr. Albert Lee, Rev. F. A. Warden.

The Bishop announced the elections which were to take place at 2.30 p. m. under Rule of Order No. 11.

On motion Rule of Order 14 was taken up and the Bishop requested Rev. F. A. Warden to read the Report of the Treasurer, Mr. Waymouth being absent. (See Appendix IV.)

It was unanimously voted that the Treasurer's Report be accepted with thanks and an expression of appreciation of the care and attention which that work receives.

The Rev. F. A. Warden, Registrar, read the following:

Registrar's Report. 1910-11.—During the year I have received and deposited in the archives the Journals of 57 Conventions and Convocations of Dioceses and Missionary Jurisdictions of the American Church. Also catalogues of most of our divinity schools and reports of many church societies. I have also filed copies of the Spirit of Missions and the St. Andrew's Cross.

FREDERICK A. WARDEN,
Registrar.

Rev. F. A. Warden, President of the Council of Advice, read the following:

Report of the President of the Council of Advice.—The Council of Advice met on May 10th, 1910 and was duly organized, Rev. Frederick A. Warden being elected president and Mr. George L. Nelson secretary. On Feb. 13th 1911 the Council met at the call of the Bishop for conference on a particular matter connected with the administration of affairs in the jurisdiction. At a meeting of Council held May 9, 1911, Mr. Ernesto Rivera, candidate for Holy Orders, was recommended to the Bishop for admission to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

F. A. WARDEN,
President.

The Chancellor not being present his Report was not read. But, having been received after convocation adjourned, it is inserted here.

To the Seventh Annual Convocation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Missionary District of Porto Rico.—As Chancellor of the diocese, I have been engaged with the Bishop in a careful examination of the rights of the Church and of the Society of Domestic and Foreign Missions in the management of St. Luke's Hospital at Ponce. Aside from this one question which has involved considerable time and attention, there have been no other matters calling for my services.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSE R. F. SAVAGE,
Chancellor.

The Bishop reported that he had received the following from the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention:

THE GENERAL CONVENTION

To the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese (or Missionary District) of Porto Rico:

In compliance with the requirement of Canon 47, Sec. I., (v.) I hereby give notice that the following alterations of the Constitution o the Church are proposed: to wit, those comprised in the resolutions printed herewith, said resolutions having been constitutionally adopted by a General Convention held in the city of Cincinnati, in October, A. D., 1910.

HENRY AUSTICE,
Secretary of the House of Deputies.

New York, April 15, *A. D.* 1911

The above was accompanied by notice of the following changes in the Constitution proposed for action at the next General Convention.

1. In Article I, Sec. 3. making the office of the Presiding Bishop elective, instead of the present mode by seniority.

2. In Article I, Sec. 4, permitting the representation of Dioceses and Missionary Districts to be reduced in number.

3. In Article I, Sec. 6, permitting representatives of American Churches in Europe to have seats in General Convention.

4. In Article II, Sec. 4, with reference to election of Suffragan Bishops.

No action was taken.

The Bishop brought to the attention of the Convocation the Report of the Commission on a World Conference on Faith and Order, which was appointed at the General Convention of 1910.

On motion of Rev. F. A. Warden it was unanimously

Resolved, That we the Clergy and Laity of the Convocation of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico heartily endorse the spirit and purpose of the Commission on a World Conference of Faith and Order of the General Convention and will do all we can in our particular field to advance the true unity of God's People.

A letter having been received from a printing firm in San Juan, in reference to printing the Journal of Convocation, on motion it was voted that the printing of the Journal be referred to the Bishop and Secretary.

The Bishop read a letter from the President of the Board of Missions, in reference to the increased apportionment and collection of the same.

An invitation was extended by Rev. F. A. Warden to the Convocation to hold its next meeting at San Juan.

On motion the invitation was accepted.

It was voted that the Convocation take a recess at 12.30 p. m. for luncheon, and re-assemble at 2.30 p. m.

On motion Rule of Order No. 20 was taken up.

Under this Rule of Order, Reports were read by

Rev. L. Read, of the work of the Parish School at Holy Trinity, Ponce.

Miss Davidson, of her work at Vieques.

Rev. F. A. Warden of the Parish School at San Juan.

Mr. George L. Nelson, for Mrs. Luther, of her work at St. Luke's School, Puerta de Tierra.

Miss E. H. McCollough, of her work at St. Andrew's School. Mayagüez.

Mrs. C. Reus made a verbal report of her work at Puerta de Tierra and Santurce.

Mr. E. Cuervos of his work at Mayagüez.

The Bishop, of Mr. Rivera's work at Aguas Buenas.

(For summary of these Reports see Appendix II.)

The Convocation took a recess for luncheon.

Convocation was called to order at 2.30 p. m.

Mr. Nelson read a Resolution from the Joint Diocesan Lesson Committee in relation to Delegates to the General Board of Religious Education.

On motion the matter was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

The Committee begs to present the following nominations:

Treasurer.- Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

Registrar.—Rev. F. A. Warden.

Committee on Constitution and Canons.—Rev. F. A. Warden, Rev. L. Read, Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

Committee on Episcopal Support.—Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Rev. L. Read, Miss F. Cuddy.

Delegates to Missionary Council.--Rev. L. Read, Mr. H. W. Dooley.

Committee on Sunday Schools.—Rev. F. A. Warden, Mr. H. W. Dooley.

Delegates to Department Sunday School Convocation.—Mrs. H. A. Luther, Miss F. Cuddy, Miss I. M. Woodruff, Rev. L. Read, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

On motion the Secretary cast one ballot for the above nominations, who were thereby elected.

Rev. Mr. Warden read a report of his work at San Juan and vicinity.

Rev. Mr. Read read reports of his work at Ponce and at Vieques.

(These Reports are summarized under Appendix II.)

The Bishop read his Annual Address. (See Appendix I.)

On motion offered by Rev. Leonard Read,

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Bishop, in accordance with the request of the President of the Board of Missions, to take up the matter of increased apportionment as soon as it comes into his hands.

The Bishop appointed as such Committee, Rev. L. Read, Miss F. Cuddy and Mrs. H. A. Luther.

On motion offered by Rev. Frederick A Warden,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's address as refers to the lack of clergy be referred to a committee of one clergymen and two laymen, with a view to bringing the subject more forcibly to the attention of the Board of Missions.

The Bishop appointed as such Committee, Rev. F. A. Warden, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth and Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

On motion offered by Rev. Frederick A. Warden,

Resolved, that the Convocation desires to place on record an expression of its appreciation of the faithful services of Mr. George L. Nelson, its retiring Secretary, its regret at his departure, and its good wishes for his success in whatever may be his future field of usefulness.

Mr. Nelson responded in a few graceful words.

On behalf of the Committee on Purchase of Property, the Bishop stated that no property having been purchased during the year there had been no occasion for the services of the Committee.

On behalf of the Committee on Increase of Lay Readers, Mr. G. Monefeldt reported that no action had been taken.

The Bishop made a verbal report of progress of the Committee appointed by General Convention on Revision of the Spanish translation of the Prayer Book.

On motion of Rev. F. A. Warden the Secretary was requested to send to Mr. Juan R. Benitez, native catechist, in his sickness, a letter of sympathy on the part of the Convocation and of appreciation of his work.

(Mr. Nelson later reported that he had written such letter.)

On motion of Mr. Geo. L. Nelson, it was voted

That, after the reading of the minutes and action on them, and

Prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourn, the time for the next Convocation being left to the discretion of the Bishop.

On motion of Rev. F. A. Warden it was resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to the Bishop, Lay Helpers and Congregation of St. Andrew's Mission for their generous hospitality.

The Secretary *pro tem.* then read the minutes which were approved.

After prayers and benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourned.

JAMES H. VAN BUREN,
Bishop.

Attest:

GEORGE L. NELSON,
Secretary pro tem.

APPENDIX I.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

At the Seventh Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico. May 9, 1911.

DEAR BRETHREN: May the blessings of God according to your needs be with you all. Amen.

The year which has elapsed since we gathered in Convocation has been eventful. The General Convention, which met last October, has taken important action. Since last year's Convocation an unusual number of deaths have occurred among the Bishops. Bishops McVickar, Attwill, Vinton, Paret, Whitaker and Holly have ceased from their labours. For these, and for other devoted members of the Holy Church now at rest we lament, and offer to God our heartfelt prayers on behalf of those who are afflicted in their deaths.

(*The Customary Prayers.*)

The record of the General Convention is sufficiently well known to you to render any detailed account of it unnecessary at this time; rather let us address ourselves to the duties it has more clearly set before us, let us gather new inspiration and courage from its fearless messages of warning and of helpfulness; new measures of faith, hope and charity from its world-challenging appeal.

The two features which stand out most prominently in the General Convention of 1910, are the two manifestations of what has come to be known as the Forward Movement, namely: the Missionary Spirit and the endeavor for Christian Unity.

And truly these two are but fresh manifestations of the Church's one moving Power, which is the Holy Spirit of God, who, since creation's dawn, ever broods upon the world's chaotic deep, with life-giving energy and unifying influence. "He maketh men to be of one mind in an house" and thereby "increaseth strength."

In the discussions regarding the name of the Church, impatience has seen what it has considered to be a waste of time. But it seems a wiser view of the discussion which sees the members of the household called upon to answer the first two questions of the old Catechism which rightly begins its instruction with the simple inquiry, "What is your name?", the true answer to which question finds its warrant in the next succeeding question and reply, "Who gave you this name". The appellation, "Protestant Episcopal", cannot claim the right to answer, "My sponsors in baptism", for no such name appears in the record of that spiritual new birth, "wherein", the Church might truthfully add, as touching its own pentecostal baptism, "I was made a member of Christ, the child of God and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven."

The name Protestant Episcopal, though it savors of strife and is of a later origin than the Church's true, baptismal, Christian name, yet, like many another *nom de guerre,* has won its laurels; and, for the sake of those who have fought the good fight and laid hold on eternal life, under a banner so inscribed, we may not lightly lay it aside, lest we even seem to forget the truths it represents; or less in our haste to adopt the family name, we seem to exclude others who are, equally with ourselves, known as His own, by Him, "of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."

Better for a while to wear the divisive, insufficient title, than ignore the vast, unnumbered multitude who love and serve (sometimes with better tokens of true soldierhood and sacrifice than we) Him who is the one Captain of Salvation.

In these Latin countries, whose dominant religion has for centuries imposed upon the people terms of communion that have neither foundation in history nor warrant in Holy Writ, we are indeed hindered from making known the Holy Catholic Church, having to bear and, (which is even more distasteful), to explain a title which has been held up to scorn and opprobrium. But no one can live long as a missionary among these people without perceiving that they are learning, from the hard, faithful service, from the meek and lowly life, from the unselfish devotion of those who wear the name of "protestants", and who are using all diligence and sincerity to seek and to save those whom nobody seemed really to care for before, that the opprobrium was not deserved. Still, ours is not a name which commends us as messengers of the "unity of the

Spirit" which is to be "kept in the bond of peace." It puts us at a serious disadvantage that we should wear a sectarian name while preaching an unsectarian gospel; that we should have to offer the Catholic Faith under a protestant title; that we must proclaim the message of peace while bearing the banner of war; that we who are most loudly calling for Christian unity should be wearing the armor of strife, of dissension and division.

But, while we may chafe under such conditions, let us remember that the unsectarian gospel must always seem sectarian to those whose serene confidence in any artificial human system it proposes to disturb: that the Catholic Faith is of necessity protestant against error; that peace must always mean war against he foes of law and order; and that unity can never mean the alliance of the Christian Church with the enemies of Christ.

Out of all this discussion, however, we can clearly see the essential things taking more definite form, and grouping around themselves as friends many who have thought themselves at variance. At a recent farewell service the building was thronged to overflowing by Porto Ricans and other Americans who came to say Goodby to a protestant missionary and his wife. And they spoke of them not as Presbyterians but as saints; not as defenders of the doctrines of Calvin, but as having adorned the gospel of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. Within the past year a Christian woman has died whose sickness was contracted here in Porto Rico where she will always be remembered by those who knew her, not as a Methodist, but as the devoted manager of an Orphanage where she ministered to the helplessness of such as Christ Himself took in His loving arms, laid His gentle hands upon them and blessed them.

More and more it is becoming apparent that they who do and suffer such things as these are all on one side of the dividing line, be their title what it may. More and more clearly it is coming to be seen that these are the essential things, and that they who are united in the service of righteousness and truth are not divided, be their garments those of the Roman Catholic sister of mercy, or the quiet attire of the teacher in the public school; be their name Catholic or be it Protestant.

We shall be content, I think, dear brethren, to wait for the day and to work and pray for the hour when this larger unity shall so manifest itself as to be irresistible. Then shall be revealed such

contributions of true Christian service, from such unexpected sources, as shall make clear the one Name whereby all shall be willing, nay eager, to be known. Nor will anything that is distinctive be lost, providing it be essential to Christian nurture and to Christian service. Let us be more careful to cultivate the spirit of Unity than to proclaim the tokens of division. Let us be more insistent upon the features of resemblance whereby the members of the great family may already recognize one another, than upon emphasizing the dissensions of our fore-fathers and keeping alive the spent fires of their controversies.

New and larger missionary enterprise has made necessary new methods and regulations. These have taken form in two important changes of our previous machinery. An entirely new Missionary Canon deserves our careful study, and the combining of all separate missionary offerings in the one apportionment system seems an improvement in business methods. Formerly the parishes were apportioned a certain sum to raise, based upon a proportionate calculation of their parochial ability to meet the estimated cost of the Chuch's missionary work; the offerings of the Woman's Auxiliary and the contributions of the Sunday Schools were not counted as a part of this apportionment, and so there were three separate streams of missionary revenue and they ran in different directions. Now the streams are united, all three apply on the one apportionment, and since this would swell the sum total to a larger amount than was asked, the Board of Missions has simply added together the separate estimates of the different needs and, with a courage born of the conviction that the men, women and children of the Church could be counted on to supply those needs, the Board of Missions has re-stated the missionary expectation, in one greater apportionment which honestly covers the entire need. Under the previous method, $800,000 for the year were apportioned to be raised by the parishes, and an indefinite sum beside was expected from the Woman's Auxiliary and the Sunday Schools. Under the new plan the amount apportioned includes the entire amount expected, and instead of $800,000 plus an indefinite sum beside, the Board asks $1,300,000.

That this is a better and a more businesslike plan, I think will generally be agreed. Let us do our part to justify the confidence of the Board of Missions, not at present by asking that our appor-

tionment be increased, but by exceeding the amount that is asked of us. In a communication just received from the President of the Board of Missions, it is stated that the apportionment will be increased, and that a special committee will be needed with power to take up the matter.

In this connection I must ask the clergy and the teachers to be more careful in reporting the statistics required by the canons, and to report them exactly. In some instances I am convinced this has not been done. As a result the children of the Church in Porto Rico are placed this year at the bottom of the list, as having contributed last year less than ten cents each for missions. How much less does not appear, and I do not care to ask. It is sufficiently humiliating to stand last, though some one has to stand there of course. But I am convinced that we do not belong there, and that it is our own fault that we occupy that unenviable position.

If we permit our statistics to be "padded", we must take the consequences. If a school reports 240 members when it has only 140, and there are sent out 240 mite boxes for the children's Lenten offerings, those mite boxes may bring in, at Easter, $24., which would give that school credit for ten cents per child, the estimate being made on the supposition that 240 children had contributed; whereas 100 of the boxes would be undistributed and the $24 would have been contributed by 140 children, the real average being, not ten cents but 17 cents per child.

Dishonest, or to use a milder word, careless statistics bring their own punishment; inflate your figures and you depress your average. This is inevitable; but the worst of it is that careless figures in one school make havoc with the good name of the other schools, and those empty mite boxes which are either thrown out or permitted to gather dust in the rubbish heap of some untidy vestry room will rise up to bear witness against us; taking a sweeping revenge on the innocent as well as the guilty, and helping to put Porto Rico at the tail end of the list. Somebody has to be last, as we have said, but let the distinction belong to those who deserve it.

Every child of the Church has a right to have a mite box. See to it that this is the case. Then take a little extra trouble, and see that every mite box given out comes back and is counted.

In this way, and by taking care that only as many boxes as are

actually needed are sent to us, perhaps the last may not be first, that would be too much to expect,—but at least we shall be saved from the disgrace of seeming to be doing so little in return for receiving so much.

The Board of Missions appropriates $22,000 a year for the work of the Church in Porto Rico. It asks of us $150. The amount seems pitifully small and I am thankful to say we have always stood in the honor roll of those who have paid the full apportionment. But let me read to you the statement of how that amount was raised last year and who paid it; and if some of you will draw the inference that the statement suggests, I am sure we shall be glad to find ourselves in the way of helping to justify the confidence of which I spoke, as being the spirit in which the Board of Missions has found courage to ask the whole Church to pay the whole missionary bill.

	Amt. asked for.	Amt. contributed.
Ponce, Holy Trinity Church	$ 45.00	$ 70.92
Puerta de Tierra, St. Luke's	30.00	5.15
Mayagüez, St. Andrew's	5.00	72.00
San Juan, St. John's	60.00	20.00
Vieques, All Saints'	10.00	15.00
Miscellaneous		40.00
	$150.00	$223.07

In this amount $223.07, I have included the contributions of the Sunday Schools, Woman's Auxiliary, Specials and Miscellaneous. The amount which could apply on the apportionment was only $150.58.

One other point in this connection calls for a word from me. Treasurers of Parishes or Missions should send the missionary offerings immediately, to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions. And by immediately, I mean without delay; at once; just as soon as received; the first thing on the Monday morning after the Sunday when the offering was received.

I have known of parish treasurers, who have permitted themselves to borrow the missionary offering to pay some pressing bill and then let weeks and months go by before the loan was made good. I have even known of such loans not being made good at

all! And I refrain from putting a name to that kind of transaction as I am sure you can supply the omission.

Let the clergy and the teachers be careful to make their statistics correct, and let the treasurers see to it that in parish and mission the apostolic injunction be obeyed, to "provide things honest in the sight of all men", and our parishes and missions will begin to be regarded at something like their real value and importance.

And here let me press upon the clergy their canonical duty to keep careful parish records. There will come a time when our parish registers will have great importance, as recording the beginnings of our work and telling of "the day of small things" which is by no means to be despised. The best rule for making entries in your parish registers is, "Do it now". If you have a baptism do not consider the sacrament complete until you have recorded it. If you have a confirmation do not let the sun go down on the day of the bishop's visitation until you have entered the names of the confirmation class in your parish register, in all whose entries be sure to use ink that will not fade. Do not cause your successors in years to come to say concerning you, on the testimony of your parish registers, that you were a sloven.

The canons declare it to be the Bishop's duty to examine the parish registers and to inquire into the state of the parish. It is astonishing sometimes to find how carelessly these registers are kept, and how lightly rests upon the consciences of clergy and laity in some instances, their responsibility for the reputation, the property and "the good estate of the Catholic Church."

And in this same connection, vestrymen who habitually neglect the Church's ministrations and take no care of the Church's property have no right to be vestrymen. It is worse than a mistake to appoint men to membership in the vestry for no reason but that they are wealthy, or influential, or in some way prominent. The office of a warden or vestryman in the Church is a sacred office. To make it a mere complimentary distinction, a social honor, or a tribute to human vanity, is to degrade the Church without exalting the man. There are times when the Church should stand upon her dignity and put none but Christians on guard.

No man should be considered eligible for the honorable distinction of a Church warden or vestryman, entrusted with the sacred duty of caring for the Church's temporal interests, who is not every

inch a loyal Churchman, willing to do his whole duty and always as "prompt at duty's call" as he expects his clergyman to be.

In the new canons which have been proposed for Missionary Districts, it is contemplated that no mission shall be organized into a parish, with rector, wardens and vestrymen, until it is self-supporting and has a church edifice. It is also contemplated that any organized parish which for a considerable time has failed to be self-supporting shall, with the concurrence of the Council of Advice, cease to be a parish, and become a mission, with a treasurer or a finance committee, appointed by the Bishop, who shall also appoint the minister in charge.

Owing to the delay in receiving the Journal of General Convention, containing the Constitution and Canons of the Church I have not as yet been able to give this matter sufficient study to determine whether this provision is mandatory or discretionary. But I expect, as soon as I can so determine, to call the Council of Advice together and, if necesasry, bring the matter to the attention of such parish organizations as come under the provisions of the canon.

Returning for a moment to the subject of Christian Unity, the General Convention has appointed a Commission with a view to securing a World-Conference on Faith and Order. It is inspiring to think what possibilities such a Conference may have in store. Already there are being appointed similar commissions from elsewhere. In the meantime the Bishops are asked to "co-operate in whatever ways may seem best." It is particularly requested that the Bishops "will bring the purpose of the Commission to the attention of their Clergy and Laity; and that they will set forth prayers for God's blessing upon the labors of the Commission and for the peace and unity of the Church." Copies of the prayers which have been suggested by the Bishops of New York, Delaware and Chicago are provided and I hereby authorize and recommend their use. I have made a translation of them into Spanish and copies are in the hands of the Clergy.

The Commission further declares, (I am glad to make their words my own), "Before a Conference on Faith and Order can profitably occur, there must be much affectionate personal intercourse between representatives of different Communions. More than this there must be renewed faith in God and a genuine repentance on the part of every Church for its share in our present confusion and

disorder" . . . The Commission "urges that you exhort the faithful to prayer and intercession, and that you seize every opportunity, by personal contact and conference, to set forward quietness, peace and love amongst all Christian people within your reach."

In the spirit of this great movement, and of these recommendations, I have asked the clergy of San Juan to join me in the work and in the conference of what is known as the Ministerial Association of San Juan and vicinity, a purely voluntary association of Christian ministers and lay helpers, who meet every fortnight to take counsel together for philanthropic labor and for the uplift of Porto Rican life.

Thus far our meetings have been to me a source of unalloyed pleasure and of increased hopefulness, as I have no doubt they have been to my brethren in our Church's ministry. Thus far no word has been spoken that was not fraternal and helpful.

The only concerted action thus far taken by the Association is an endeavor to secure, for the laboring people of Porto Rico, one day in seven for rest and worship. In this endeavor the Ministerial Association of Ponce, in which I am also an "occasional member" if I may so say, will probably unite. It is hoped that our efforts will carry such influence with employers and with the public as will help to produce a better observance of the Lord's Day, (though we are not insisting upon having the one day's release from toil invariably coincide with Sunday); that it will tend to check the demoralizing influence of Sunday theatres, base-ball and horse-races; and that it will give to the people a larger opportunity to cultivate the spiritual and intellectual sides of their nature.

That such a concerted movement will also have a retroactive effect upon those who unite in it as Christian brethren and who are thus drawn to see and to cultivate their fraternal instead of their controversial relations with one another, as servants of Him who is not ashamed to call them brethren, will, we hope, be the beginning of our contribution to "that great event to which the whole creation moves", the recognition of the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God.

Turning to our more immediate work and to the condition in which the Church in this Missionary District stands, I find much to prompt a feeling of encouragement. You will not think me egotistical if I gratefully mention first my own restored health and vigor.

For this I cannot be too thankful to the Author of "every good and perfect gift." No doubt it helps also to inspire a more hopeful view of the outlook.

And yet the outlook is not wholly dependent upon the point of view; the conditions as they present themselves are more encouraging. I hear better accounts of the regular attendance upon the public services, in most places, together with increased contributions for the necessary expenses of maintenance. There have been a larger number of confirmations than usual.

At St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, honorable mention is deserved and bestowed, for the contributions of the people to defray the expense of repairing and painting; contributions which mean real sacrifice. At St. Andrew's, Mayaguez, a similar spirit of devotion has made possible certain improvements which were sorely needed, in addition to those which have been made at the charges of the Board of Missions. At St. John's, San Juan, the story of new courage and achievement is the same, only the means being larger at that point than in the other places, the figures are correspondingly greater. At Ponce, the property of the Parish had been neglected until the rectory was not safe. This has been put in repair by the bishop, after he had notified the vestry and had been assured by the secretary that they would not take the responsibility.

St. Luke's Hospital is at present in a state of transition. As a Church institution, under the general control of the Board of Missions, it has been found necessary to take measures to make its local management conform to the usages and requirements of the Board of Missions. This has resulted in some friction; but I have no doubt of a better understanding being reached as a final result, and of securing for the work which the hospital was intended to do, such conditions as can only come through harmonious relations between the Board of Missions and the Local Committee.

Among the unfavorable conditions which render our work more difficult than it would be in other places, I mention the rapid deterioration to which all buildings of wood are subject. As another illustration of this I mention the Episcopal residence, which has recently had to undergo quite extensive repairs. The property being rented, on account of the absence of the bishop's wife through illness, the rent of the place has been used for placing it in repair.

The property has enhanced in value very greatly since it was acquired, owing to the rapid building up of the neighborhood.

We are still suffering for lack of a sufficient supply of clergy to hold the places already occupied; and until we can reinforce our numbers it is idle to think of extending our borders. Looking at the humble position we occupy in the list of Dioceses and Missionary Districts, looking at the small numbers we are able to present in the table of the Church's statistics, the question is sometimes asked, "what is the matter with Porto Rico?" I am tempted to reply, "what is the matter with the Church at home, that we so often call for volunteers and there is none to respond?"

But recriminations are useless. There is something "the matter with Porto Rico." Experience has shown that climatic and other conditions, of which the Church at home has no conception, are trying, especially to women born and brought up in the north. We all have to resist those influences which tend to lower the vital forces; we all have to contend with domestic conditions which are a burden; we have to meet unexpected expenses for the necessaries of life; we find that too much of our physical and nervous energy has to be expended in the mere struggle for existence, and too often we go to our work, not with full power but with strength depleted and courage impaired.

And then we are measured by the standards of a latitude which itself is stimulating. We are expected to show results which neither our feeble numbers, nor our resources, nor our conditions permit.

We do not complain, but we ask those who question to simply come and see. And when I see what is being done I am not only proud of you, my fellow workers, but I am ready to challenge the Church in any part of its wide borders to show better work, taking everything into account. Look at our schools, look at our missions, consider how unfriendly the soil is in which they are planted. Give us five more clergymen as diligent and faithful as are those we have, give us ten more teachers, as patient and earnest as those we have, and we will ask no odds of anybody in the results we shall be able to show.

I say to the Church at home, You have a right to expect of Porto Rico just in accordance with what you put into Porto Rico, not of money, for I make no complaint nor have I any reason to as touching the financial support of our mission. In that we have been

treated most generously. But you have no right to demand of four the work of ten men. You have no right to expect of six American teachers the work of sixteen. I make most grateful mention of the native helpers who, both as catechists and as assistant teachers, are rendering abundant service. But when, as at Ponce, one American teacher has fifty children to whom she is giving instruction in all the branches which are commonly covered by four grades in the Public Schools, and you expect results out of all reason, I tell you frankly you are going to be disappointed. When to the disadvantages of the climate and other conditions to which I have referred, you add for one priest the burden of caring for six parishes and missions, no matter how efficient the helpers he gathers about himself, and you then expect him to show results equal to those of a busy, well organized parish, say in Boston or New York, you are again liable to be disappointed. Give a man seven services on a hot Sunday in the month of July in Chicago, and you will have some fair field of comparison.

And let a Parish, like Ponce, stand vacant for ten months, after a rectorship of which plain speaking requires me to say it did more harm than good, and if that parish does not become scattered and peeled no matter how faithful the lay reader may be, it will be a miracle! I am not speaking of Mr. Read, of course.

I have undertaken to supply services on successive Sundays at four places, Ponce, Mayagüez, Guanica and Aguirre, beside the visitations and other duties which belong to a bishop. Such services are a delight to me, but they can not compare with the regular ministrations of a settled pastor. "A housegoing parson maketh a churchgoing people." And the pastoral relation, the seeking after the lost and the straying, that is what tells in the upbuilding of the Church. "But who is sufficient for these things?" If an apostle could ask that question, surely we shall not be thought to be impatiently complaining if we ask it too.

I regret more than I can say that we are to be deprived of the services of the Secretary who has served the Convocation so well. Mr. George L. Nelson, who is soon to leave Porto Rico, has been our first and only Secretary. Elected and re-elected by unanimous vote year after year, he cannot but realize how truly the Convocation appreciates his services. The pains-taking accuracy of the Journal attests the devotion and care he has brought to his work.

It is a pleasure to thank him publicly for what he has done and in that as well as in every good wish for himself and all who are dear to him I am sure we all unite.

And here let me say to my brethren in charge of the several parishes and misions here represented; it will be greatly lighten the burden of Mr. Nelson's successor if you will take pains to have your parochial reports ready at the time of Convocation and if you will have them carefully and accurately made out. I can think of no valid excuse for neglect of this duty. It shoudl be a matter of Christian courtesy to conform to the canonical requirements in this regard, and when inquiries are necessary on the part of the Secretary to elucidate the mysteries of bad penmanship or columns incorrectly added up or any other point, to answer the Secretary's letters, and to answer them immediately.

By keeping these suggestions in mind you will greatly assist the successor of Mr. Nelson in the discharge of his duties.

I should regret to leave in your minds the impression that I regard the difficulties of our work as greater, or the conditions which surround us as more unfavorable than those which our brethren in other parts of the world are called upon to meet. We have tropical conditions, tropical diseases, tropical tendencies, and tropical standards. But it may be fairly open to doubt whether, in the arctic, or even in the temperate zones, there are not burdens quite equal to ours. We are told that Ponce de Leon whose name is not wholly disassociated with Porto Rico was seeking the fountain of perpetual youth. We are not told that he discovered it. Nor, it may be said, has there yet been found that *El Dorado* which presents the Utopian conditions of entire immunity from danger.

Nor, if there were such a fortunate realm, it is likely that it would be sought by those who are willing to do and to dare, and who measure achievement by its attendant difficulty. Utopia is not in need of missionaries. And there are not a few signs that point to the conclusion that Porto Rico is not Utopia. Still Porto Rico offers presumably as many attractions as most places, as many difficulties as brave men need to ask, and a great deal more that is desirable than some places which need not be named.

If there be in any minister of Jesus Christ any reluctance to endure those peculiar forms of hardness which we are called upon to bear, we do not need him. But if there be, anywhere in the

Church, men who are animated by the apostolic courage to such a point that they "count not their lives dear unto themselves", there is no place in all the world that offers more in the way of substantial returns, when measured by the heavenly standards, than this same Porto Rico, "child of the sea and the sun!"

To you who are working in this field, in whatsoever capacity, whether as ministers, as native catechists, as parish helpers, as teachers, or in whatsoever ways God gives you the opportunity to serve Him, I offer a word of appreciation and encouragement. There are little children here whose whole future you are influencing; there are men and women here whose lives you are helping to higher and worthier planes. There are places where you are keeping the Church doors wide open, that the light of the everlasting gospel may stream out to cheer and to bless many a home that would be dark indeed were it not for you. There are beds of sickness and houses of affliction to which your ministrations are a blessing. These services do not appear in any report or table of statistics, yet God remembers them even when you may have forgotten that you rendered them.

And when He comes to take account of our ministry and the stewardship we have received of Him, may none of us fail of His gracious recognition, nor of that all-sufficient approval which He alone can bestow: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

During the year ending May 1, I have performed the following official services:

Preached and made addresses:	107
Baptized	24
Confirmed	51
in Porto Rico, and 21 in the Diocese of New York.	
Solemnized marriages	11
Buried	0
Celebrated the Holy Communion	34

The following is the list of Confirmations, in their chronological order:

May	8, 1910.	—St. Andrew's, Mayagüez	6
„	18 „	St. John's, San Juan	4
„	19 „	St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra	1
„	22 „	All Saints', Vieques	5

July	10,	1910.—Holy Communion, Lake Mahopac, N. Y.__		4
„	17	„ Zion, Hastings-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.____		12
Sept.	11	„ Christ, Amenia Union, N. Y. _____		5
Mar.	26,	1911.—Afternoon, St. Luke's Puerta de Tierra__		11
„	„	„ Evening, „ „ __		11
April	2	„ St. Andrew's, Mayagüez _____		12
„	23	„ St. John's, San Juan _____		1
		In Porto Rico_____		51
		In the Diocese of New York_____		21

On Sept. 11, 1910, I consecrated St. James' Church Dover Plain, N. Y., at the request of the Bishop of New York.

Including the Bishop there are four clergy in active service, one of these being canonically resident in the Diocese of Albany, though rendering most acceptable service here.

We have 12 places at which regular services have been established and two where we hold occasional services.

We have two Candidates for Holy Orders, namely *D. R. Rivera* at Sewanee University, Sewanee, Tenn. and *Paul R. Reinhardt*, at Nashotah House, Nashotah, Wis.

There is also one Postulant for Holy Orders; *Joaquin A. Medina,* at Puerta de Tierra.

Mr. Ernesto D. R. Rivera expects to be admitted to Deacon's Orders the coming June, at Sewanee, and I have asked his appointment for service at Mayagüez, by the Board of Missions.

We have seven Catechists and Lay Readers.

We have 12 places where regular services have been established and two where we hold occasional services.

We have four branches of the Woman's Auxiliary; viz. All Saints, Vieques, Miss S. R. Davidson, Secretary. Holy Trinity, Ponce, Miss Francis Cuddy, Secretary. St. Andrew's, Mayagüez, Miss E. H. McCollough, Secretary. St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, Mrs. Helen A. Luther, Secretary.

The Secretary for the Island is Mrs. Jas. H. Van Buren.

We have twelve Teachers.

We have one Graduate American Missionary Nurse, Miss Una F. Dudley who has been serving at Mayagüez this year.

We have nine Sunday Schools with a total of 600 pupils.

We have four Mission Schools, as follows:

Mayagüez, St. Andrew's, with	140	pupils.
Ponce, Holy Trinity, with	50	„
Puerta de Tierra, St. Luke's, with	95	„
San Juan, St. John's, with	50	„
Total pupils	335	

We have two Parish Helpers.

For fuller details of my official acts, I must refer you to the Journal which will be appended to this address. But I wish to add that there are many duties which devolve upon a Bishop in the administration of his office, which I do not put into that Journal. Chief among these I make mention here of the correspondence which keeps me at my desk much of the time. It is my rule to answer every letter by return mail. I find this easier than if I allow letters to accumulate. But there has been so much confusion of late in the mail service of the Island as to make it more difficult than before to know when the return mail would leave.

There are also many other demands upon a Bishop, which cannot be recorded or tabulated. There are people apparently who place no limit upon the things a Bishop in their estimation is able to do, from intervening in settlement of family disputes, to pleading the cause of refractory children under discipline in the public schools. It is sometimes difficult to live up to their exaggerated estimate of our abilities, and yet, for my part, I welcome it, and I am glad if in all ways and by all means I may serve any.

Believing as I do,, that every one of you is animated by the same spirit, I commend you to Him whose grace alone is sufficient, and whose strength is made perfect in our weakness. May He bless you in every endeavor to do His will, and give you His own everlasting reward. Amen.

EPISCOPAL ACTS.

May 1, 1910.—(*5th Sund. after Easter.*) St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, Evening Prayer and Sermon, (Spanish.)

„ 8 (*Sunday aft. Ascension.*) St. Andrew's Church, Mayagüez. Morning Prayer, Litany, Sermon, Confirmed six. Made address and celebrated the Holy Communion, (Spanish.) Evening Prayer and Sermon, (Spanish.)

„ 10 (*Tues.*) Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan. Sixth Annual Convocation.

„ 13 (*Friday.*) Set-forth special services in commemoration of King Edward VII of Englad.

„ 14 (*Sat.*) Admitted Paul R. Reinhardt as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

„ 15 (*Whitsunday.*) Mission of the Advent, Aguas Buenas. Preached and addressed Sund. School,(Spanish.)

„ 18 (*Wed.*) Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan. Preached and confirmed four with address. (Spanish.)

„ 19 (*Thurs.*) St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra. Preached, confirmed one, made address. (Spanish.)

„ 20 (*Fri.*) Church of St. John the Baptist,San Juan. Held service commemorative of King Edward VII, of England. Preached.

„ 22 (*Trinity-Sunday.*) All Saints' Ch. Vieques, Early Communion, Later, Morning Prayer and Sermon. Evening. Preached, confirmed five and made address.

„ 25 (*Wed.*) Sailed from San Juan for New York, S. S. "Philadelphia."

„ 29 (*1st. aft. Trinity.*) At sea. . Held service and Preached.

„ 30 (*Mon.*) Landed in N. Y. Reported at Church Mission House. Went to Easton, Penn.

Note.—During June, July and August, under care of a Physician.

June 5 (*2d. after Trinity.*) At Trinity Church, Penn., attended Institution of Rector, took no part.

„ 12 (*3d. after Trinity.*) Easton Sanitarium, rainy.

„ 14 (*Tues.*) Went to N. Y., attended meeting of Committee on Porto Rico, at Church Mission House.

„ 19 (*4th after Trinity.*) Easton, Penn. Attended service at Trinity Church.

„ 24 (*St. John the Baptist's Day.*) Same, Eighth anniversary of my consecration, celebrated Holy Communion at Trinity Church.

June 26 (*5th after Trinity.*) Same. Preached and took part in Morning Prayer Trinity Church.

July 3 (*6th aft. Trinity.*) Same at, Sanitarium, no appointment.

„ 6 (*Wed.*) Attended the Burial Service of Bishop McVickar, Providence, R. I.

„ 10 (*7th aft. Trinity.*) Church of the Holy Communion, Lake Mahopae, N. Y., received Holy Communion. Later preached, confirmed four and made address for the Bishop of N. Y.

„ 17 (*8th. aft. Trinity.*) Zion Chapel, Hastings, N. Y., preached, confirmed four and made address for the Bishop of N. Y.

Aug. Under physician's order to abstain from all public services.

Sept. 4 (*15th after Trinity.*) St. Paul's Ch., New Haven, Ct., Preached, confirmed twelve, and made address for the

„ 11 (*16th after Trinity.*) A. M., Dover's Plains, N. Y. Consecrated St. James' Ch. Preached and celebrated Holy Communion. P. M., Amenia Union, N. Y., confirmed five, preached and made address. Both services for the Bishop of N. Y.

„ 18 (*17th after Trinity.*) Atlantic City, N. J., at All Saints' Church. Received Holy Communion. Later took part in Morning Prayer and preached.

„ 25 (*18th aft. Trinity.*) Atlantic City, N. J., attended services at All Saints' Church.

Oct. 2 (*19th aft. Trinity.*) On the train for Cincinnati to attend General Convention.

„ 5 (*Wed.*) At opening service, Gen. Con., Cint., O.,

„ 6 (*Thurs.*) A. M. Officiated at Morning Prayer Christ Church, Cincinnati, O.

(From October 5 to Oct. 21, attended regular sessions of House of Bishops, and a few other services and meetings.)

„ 9 (*20th aft. Trinity.*) Christ Church, Indianapolis, Ind., celebrated Holy Communion; Later, Morning Proyer and address. Evening Prayer and address.

„ 12 (*Wed.*) Christ Ch., Cincinnati. Baptized a child.

„ 16 (*21st aft. Trinity.*) Attended Christ Ch., Glendale, O. Sermon by Bishop Roots of China.

„ 23 (*22d aft. Trinity.*) Calvary Ch., Louisville, Ky., a. m., preached. Afternoon went to Indianapolis.

„ 29 (*Sat.*) Visited St. Barnabas Hospital, N. Y., to see a sick woman from Porto Rico.

„ 30 (*23d aft. Trinity.*) A. M., St. Paul's Ch., Baltimore, Md. Received Holy Communion, addressed the Sunday School. Later, made address at St. Timothy's Ch., (Catonsville.)

Afternoon, made address at St. Paul's Ch. Evening made address at Memorial Church.

Oct. 31 (*Mon.*) Philadelphia, Pa., in search of a Physician for work in Porto Rico.

Nov. 1 (*All Saints' Day.*) New York, received Holy Communion at Calvary Church. Later, interview with a student of G. T. S. Interview with a clergyman.

„ 6 (*24th aft. Trinity.*) Danbury, Ct., St. James' Church, celebrated Holy Communion, and made address. Evg., St. Thomas' Church, Bethel, Ct., made address.

„ 8 (*Tues.*) Middletown, Ct., at Berkeley Divinity School, addressed students' Missionary Society.

„ 9 (*Wed.*) Hartford, Ct., attended meeting of Woman's Auxiliary at Christ Church.

„ 13 (*25th after Trinity.*) Long Branch, N. J., St. James' Church, preached and celebrated Holy Communion. Evg., same, preached. Interview with a nurse for St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce, P. R.

„ 19 (*Sat.*) Sailed from N. Y. for San Juan.

„ 20 (*Sunday Before Advent.*) At sea, stormy, no service.

„ 24 (*Thanksgiving Day.*) At sea, held service and preached.

„ 27 (*1st in Advent.*) San Juan, preached at St. John's Church, Evg., St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, preached.

„ 28 (*Mon.*) Attended reception at St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra.

„ 29 (*Tues.*) Attended reception at home of Rev. F. A. Warden.

„ 30 (*St. Andrew's Day.*) Mayagüez, preached in the evg. at St. Andrew's Mission. Afternoon, same, baptized three, and received two on confession of faith.

Dec. 1 (*Thurs.*) Same, visited St. Andrew's School.

„ 3 (*Sat.*) Same, solemnized a marriage.

„ 4 (*2d. in Advent.*) Same, St. Andrew's Mission, Holy Communion. Later, morning Prayer and Sermon. Aft. Baptized 3. Evg. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

„ 5 (*Mon.*) San Juan, interview with Chancellor, and evg. interview with others.

„ 6 (*Tues.*) Santurce, Evg. Preached at St. Paul's Mission.

„ 10 (*Sat.*) Ponce, Holy Trinity. Baptized a child.

„ 11 (*3d. in Advent.*) Same, Holy Communion, addressed Sunday School, Morning Prayer, sermon and Holy Communion. Evening Prayer and address. Solemnized a marriage.

„ 18 (*4th in Advent.*) Same, addressed Sunday School, Morning Prayer and Sermon, Baptized a child. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

Dec. 23 (*Fri.*) Same, Litany and Practice of music for Christmas.

„ 25 (*Christmas Day.*) Same, Holy Communion, Baptized a child. Visited Sunday School. Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

„ 26 (*Mon.*) Same, St. Stephen's Day, Holy Communion.

„ 27 (*Tues.*) Same, St. John the Evangelist's Day. Holy Communion.

„ 28 (*Wed.*) Same, The Innocents' Day. Sunday School Festival and Parish Tea Party.

„ 31 (*Sat.*) Same. New Year's Eve. Midnight Service and address.

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Jan. 1. (*The Circumcision.*) Ponce, Holy Trinity, Holy Communion; Later, Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion. Baptized 2 children. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

„ 4 (*Wed.*) Mayagüez, St. Andrew's, Evening Prayer.

„ 6 (*Epiphany.*) Same, Early Communion. Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion. Baptized 2 children, attended Christmas Tree. Renewed Lay Readers' Licenses of G. Monefeldt, Enrique Cuervos. Evening Prayer and Address.

„ 8 (*1st aft. Epiphany.*) Ponce, Holy Trinity, Holy Communion. Morning Prayer and sermon. Evening Prayer and sermon.

„ 9 (*Mon.*) Same. Said visitation office for a sick woman.

„ 12 (*Thurs.*) Same. Visitation office and commendatory Prayer.

„ 13 (*Fri.*) Same. Administered Holy Communion of the sick. Evening. Litany service in the Church.

„ 15 (*2d aft. Epiphany.*) Same. Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and sermon. Address Sunday School. Evening Prayer. Sermon by a visiting clergymen.

„ 16 (*Mon.*) San Juan, visited schools of St. John's and St. Luke's. At meeting of Ministerial Association. Had conference with Treasurer and with Chancellor. Met clergy.

„ 17 (*Tues.*) Same. Had conference with a Physician.

„ 18 (*Wed.*) Mayagüez. Found one of the teachers sick. Arranged for her relief.

„ 19 (*Thurs.*) Extended Lay Reader's License for Joaquin Medina. Admitted him as a Postulant for Holy Orders, and entered his name.

„ 20 (*Fri.*) Ponce, Holy Trinity Church, Litany service.

„ 22 (*3d. aft. Epiphany.*) Guanica. Addressed the Sunday School. Had service and preached.

„ 25 (*Conversion of St. Paul.*) Mayagüez, St. Andrew's. Par-

ticipated in morning service. Evening Prayer and address.

Jan. 27 (*Fri.*) Same, Litany service.

„ 29 (*4th aft. Epiphany.*) Same. Holy Communion, Morning Prayer, Baptized two children, preached. Evening, Solemnized a marriage.

„ 30 (*Mon.*) At San Juan, in conference.

Feb. 1 (*Wed.*) Mayagüez. Evening Prayer, solemnized a marriage.

„ 2 (*The Purification B. V. M.*) Holy Communion. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Rogers Israel, D. D., to be Bishop of Erie. Attended Evening Prayer.

„ 3 (*Fri.*) Same, St. Andrew's. Choral Litany. Gave instruction in Church music.

„ 4 (*Sat.*) Same. Evg., solemnized a marriage.

„ 5 (*5th aft. Epiphany.*) Same. Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and Sermon. Evening Prayer, baptized a child.

„ 6 (*Mon.*) Same. Consultation with the Chancellor.

„ 10 (*Fri.*) Same, Litany. Gave instruction in music. Gave canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. Charles S. Burch, D. D., to be suffragan Bishop of New York. Ordered a vacation of two weeks in St. Andrew's School, for repairs.

„ 12 (*Septuagesima.*) Same. Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and Sermon. Baptized a child. Evening Prayer and sermon.

„13 (*Mon.*) San Juan, Special Meeting of Council of Advice.

„ 14 (*Tues.*) Mayagüez. Visited sick child, solemnized a marriage, attended a reception in honor of my 10th anniversary in Porto Rico.

„ 15 (*Wed.*) Same, Evening Prayer, gave instruction in music.

„ 16 (*Thurs.*) Same, solemnized a marriage.

„ 19 (*Sexagesima.*) Aguirre. Holy Communion, Evening Prayer and sermon.

„ 22 (*Wed.*) Mayagüez. Evening Prayer.

„ 24 (*St. Matthias' Day.*) Same. Holy Communion, Evening Prayer, Litany, gave instruction in music.

„ 26 (*Quinquagesima.*) Same. Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and Sermon. Solemnized a marriage. In the evening at Guanica, held service and preached.

Mar. 1 (*Ash Wednesday.*) Mayagüez. St. Andrew's, Morning Prayer, Penitential office, sermon and Holy Communion. Evening Prayer, Penitential office and sermon.

Mar. 3 (*Fri.*) Same, Evening Prayer and Litany, gave instruction in music.

„ 4 (*Sat.*) Same. Solemnized a marriage.

„ 5 (*1st in Lent.*) Same. Morning Prayer, sermon and Holy Communion. Evening Prayer and sermon.

„ 6 (*Mon.*) San Juan, Ministerial Association, interview with Chancellor, other Church business.

„ 9 (*Thurs.*) Mayagüez, solemnized a marriage.

„ 10 (*Fri.*) Same. Litany, gave instruction in music.

„ 12 (*2d in Lent.*) Same. Holy Communion, Morning Prayer and sermon, Evening Prayer and sermon.

„ 15 (*Wed.*) Same. Litany, and instruction in music. Attended a farewell service for a Presbyterian missionary, made address.

„ 19 (*3d in Lent.*) Guanica. Addressed Sunday School. Held evening service and preached.

„ 20 (*Mon.*) San Juan, Ministerial Association. Made Report as chairman of Committee on "One Day's Rest in Seven for Laborers."

„ 21 (*Tues.*) Same. Conference with clergy. Evening Preached at Mission of San Pablo. Issued Lay Readers' Licenses to Mr. Albert Norman Hansard and to Mr. Juan Benítez.

„ 25 (*Fri.*) With Treasurer of the Missionary District, made schedule of estimates for 1911-12.

„ 26 (*4th in Lent.*) Same. Holy Communion at St. Luke's Morning Prayer and sermon at St. John's. Afternoon, preached, confirmed eleven, received eight on confesion of faith, confirmed eleven, and made address at St. Luke's.

„ 29 (*Wed.*) Mayagüez. St. Andrew's, evening Prayer.

„ 30 (*Thurs.*) Same, received certificate of election of Rt. Rev. Sidney C. Partridge, D. D., to be Bishop of Kansas City.

„ 31 (*Fri.*) Same, baptized a sick child, gave instruction in music.

Apr. 2 (*Fifth in Lent.*) Same, morning Prayer, sermon, confirmed twelve, made address, celebrated Holy Communion. Evening Prayer, baptized 4, preached.

„ 3 (*Mon.*) San Juan, Ministerial Association, made revised report on "One Day's Rest in Seven."

„ 5 (*Wed.*) Mayagüez. Solemnized a marriage. Evening Prayer, and Penitential Office.

„ 7 (*Fri.*) Ponce, Holy Trinity, Litany.

„ 9 (*Palm Sunday.*) Aguirre, at a private house, Holy Communion, address, evening Prayer and sermon.

„ 11 (*Tues. Before Easter.*) Mayagüez. St. Andrew's, morning Prayer.

„ 12 (*Wed. Before Easter.*) Same, gave canonical consent to

the election of Rt. Rev. S. C. Partridge, D.D., to be Bishop of Kansas City. Said Ante-Communion service.

Apr. 13 (*Thurs. Before Easter.*) Same, celebrated Holy Communion.

„ 14 (*Good Friday.*) Ponce, Holy Trinity. Morning Prayer, Ante-Communion and sermon. Three Hours' service, with seven addresses on "The Last Words." Evening Prayer.

„ 15 (*Easter-Even.*) Same, Ante-Communion. Baptized a child.

„ 16 (*Easter Day.*) Same, Holy Communion (early,) Sunday School, Morning Prayer, sermon and Holy Communion. Evening Prayer and sermon. Set forth a Prayer to be used during vacancy in the Rectorship.

„ 18 (*Tuesday after Easter.*) Mayagüez, at Parish Festival.

„ 19 (*Wed.*) Same, Evening Prayer.

„ 20 (*Thurs.*) Ponce, to obtain Hospital Records.

„ 21 (*Fri.*) Mayagüez. St. Andrew's morning service of the School.

„ 23 (*1st after Easter.*) San Juan, St. John's, preached, confirmed one, made address.

„ 25 (*St. Mark's Day.*) Same, Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion.

„ 26 (*Wed.*) Same, visited St. John's School.

„ 27 (*Thurs.*) Same, visited St. Luke's School. Had conference with Treasurer of the District.

„ 28 (*Fri.*) Same, had conference with Chancellor of the District. Set forth Prayers for Peace and Unity of the Church.

„ 30 (*2d after Easter.*) Aguas Buenas, Mission of the Advent. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

APPENDIX II.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Report of Miss Frances Cuddy, Ponce.—Holy Trinity Church School opened this season September fifth 1910.

There have not been as many children enrolled as last year, but the average attendance has been better.

Ave. Enrollment, 47.

Average attendance, 42.

The highest enrollment (53) was in the month of October.

All the children have made fairly good progress.

In the Sunday School there are sixty (60) children enrolled, with an average attendance of forty-five (45).

Report of Miss Sarah R. Davidson, Vieques.—Since the last Convocation, I have spent five months away from Vieques, as I was not well, and the Doctor advised a long rest.

Coming back in March, the usual work was taken up. Classes for instruction in Church Doctrine, Sewing and Embroidery for the girls, and Bible Class for grown people. The Women's Society meets twice in the month, once as a branch of the Women's Auxiliary, and the alternate meeting as a Communicant's class. Most of the Women communicants belong to the society. The Triennial offering of the Auxiliary including the $5.00 apportioned to our branch amounted to $40.00.

A Friendly Society was started during the year with monthly subscriptions to help the sick, and now has about 27 members.

We were without a Rector until the latter part of September when the Rev. Leonard Read returned to Vieques. The Bishop visited us in May. Celebrated the Holy Communion, and confirmed a class of five. Mr. Read also came to celebrate several times. The other services were held by lay readers and for nearly two months we had the efficient help of Mr. Paul Reinhardt, of Nashatoh Seminary.

Children in Sunday School	42
Adults in Bible Class	25
Sewing Class	27
Embroidery Class	10

Report of Miss Doris W. Brown, San Juan.—St. John's Mission School. Principal, Doris W. Brown; Assistant, Dolores Romañat; Enrollment to date, 62; Average Attendance, 40; Daily instruction is given in Spanish and English. Subjects taught, Reading, Holy Scripture, Writing, Arithmetic, Language, Spelling, Geography, Music, Drawing, Physical Exercise. No. of pupils in each class is 30; Ages of the pupils vary from four years to fifteen; the attendance is very irregular on account of sickness and shortage of clothes, boots, etc.; Attention is especially given to the teaching of the Holy Scripture and the singing of Hymns, which are always anticipated by the children. Psalms 23 and 130, the Creed, Lord's Prayer and Catechism are every day heartily repeated.

Report of Mrs. Helen A. Luther, Puerta de Tierra.—St. Luke's Mission School. Principal, Helen A. Luther; Assistants, Antonia Ramos, Irene Brown. Enrollment, 105; Average attendance from Sept. to Jan., 68; Jan. to March, 60; March to present time, 82. Subjects taught, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, Spelling, and Scrpiture. No. of Pupils in each class, from 15 to 17, with the exception of Geography, in which class there are 6 pupils.

Report of Miss E. H. McCollough.—St. Andrew's School, Mayagüez.—Enrollment has been about 250; average attendance, 110; usual attendance, 125; Teachers, 7 including Miss Dudley, who has kindly given lessons in Physiology and Hygiene, besides taking the class in calisthenics, and occasionally supplying the place of sick teachers. It has been a great help to have the Kindergarten under Miss Woodruff. That, and Miss Dudley's work have been a great help in giving us better order this year than we have had before.

The order of school work is at 8.30 the children assemble in the Church for a short service. From there they go to the school patio for calisthenics; thence to their class rooms.

The first half hour is given to the study of Bible History, the Church Year and the Catechism, English and Spanish.

Then follow Arithmetic, English, Spelling, Physiology, Writing. A short recreo at half past ten, and another longer from 11-45 to 1.

After 1 o'clock we have lessons in Geography, History, English, Spanish and Music. The sewing class has been much interrupted by the illness of Miss Castro, our efficient teacher of sewing; but

the children take much interest in this work, and we think they will do good work when Miss Castro's restored health enables us to resume these lessons regularly.

We have been most fortunate in our assistant teachers whose interest in the school has been a great help in raising the standard of attendance and general conduct.

Report of Mrs. Carmen Reus, Parish Helper at Puerta de Tierra and Santurce.—Number of visits made from January to May, 824; Number of visits in preceding six months, 946; Total visits, 1770.

Report of Mr. Antero Rivera, Aguas Buenas.—Informe de la Iglesia Episcopal de Aguas Buenas "Misión de Adviento" durante los últimos diez meses transcurridos desde el 1o. de Julio de 1911 al 30 de Abril de 1911, es decir el tiempo que ha estado dicha Iglesia servida por el Catequista Antero Rivera.

En 1o. de Julio habían tres comulgantes, ahora hay siete. Se ha trabajado algo en los distritos rurales y esperamos cultivar nuevos campos con la esperanza de que el Señor dé crecimiento á la semilla regada por su siervo. La asistencia á los servicios ha sido regularmente de doce á veinte personas, y en algunas ocasiones han pasado de veinte y cinco, pues han sido ocupados todos los asientos que hay en el local y han quedado algunas personas de pié. Durante estos diez meses han concurrido á la Escuela Dominical 583 personas, niños en su mayor parte. Han habido durante este tiempo dos bautismos celebrados por el Rev. F. A. Warden y hay cuatro niños preparados para recibir este Sacramento. Esta Iglesia tiene establecidos dos servicios en la semana además de la Escuela Dominical que se celebra los Domingos á las 2 P. M., también se dan algunos servicios en casas particulares. Durante este tiempo la Iglesia ha sido visitada una vez por el muy Rev. Sr. Obispo y dos por el Rev. F. A. Warden y los catequistas Don Ernesto Rivera y Don Juan Benítez, estos servicios quedaron muy concurridos y la Iglesia recibió muchas bendiciones y gran edificación.

Report of Rev. F. A. Warden, San Juan.—During the Convocation Year I have been present, and officiated wholly or in part at 339

services, have delivered 274 sermons and addresses, administered the Holy Eucharist 93 times, and visited the sick and sad as opportunity offered and occasion required. In St. Luke's Mission I have observed an increasing appreciation of the occasional offices of Holy Church.

When one thinks of the financial limitations of these People and then remembers that this year they have raised more than $365.00 for all Church Purposes, while few, if any of them, earn that much money in the course of a year this work has great promise, and Patience, Prayer and Persistence will reap the harvest.

St. Paul's Mision though poorly housed and dimly lighted, is, in the community where it is located, God's house and a beacon light. Many are there learning of their Heavenly Father's love and of the Light that lighteneth every man that cometh into the world. Here every Tuesday evening and Sunday afternoon Catechist Medina and Parish Visitor Reus and her faithful husband may be found teaching to adults and children of the very poorest and least privileged class the way of God more perfectly.

The Annunciation Mission at Borinquen Park has had a rather trying year, for twice through the illness of Catechist Benitez, the Sunday School and Services have had to be suspended for a few weeks my other work making it impossible to keep it going. And yet here we have a very reverent and attentive congregation.

The Mission of the Advent at Aguas Buenas continues steadily on its good way although the town has seen better days.

In all these Mission Stations the People are being taught the doctrine of Christ as this Church hath received the same.

Report of Rev. Leonard Read, Vieques.—As Rector of Holy Trinity Church in Ponce, I am called on for some report for the seven months I held that charge, which owing to failing health I was obliged to relinquish and return to my former Parish in Vieques.

During the several months, as Rector of Ponce I was also called upon to pay occasional visits to Mayagüez; S. Andrew's Mission there being without a Priest, and also to All Saints' Church, Vieques, where from the time of my departure, they were in a similar condition.

When I left the Parish of All Saints', Vieques, to take charge of

Holy Trinity Church in Ponce, Mr. Paul R. Reinhardt, a candidate for Holy Orders, was placed in charge and remained until the month of September, when he returned to his studies at Nashotah.

During the time he was here, I visited this Parish as arranged for by Bishop Van Buren.

During this time the "All Saints' Friendly Society" was started for members of the congregation, who pay in to a Fund 10 cents per month, and are to receive, if ill, 50 cents per week, and in case of death the sum of ten dollars is to be paid to the family. The number on the Books is about 30, and one member has died.

There was also provided by special effort a funeral bier, which has long been needed, as in this place a hearse is seldom if ever used.

The roof of the Rectory has been altered and the leaks stopped.

During the year death has removed several of our old members and their places do not appear to be filled again. Others again have left us to seek more remunerative labor elsewhere but some others have come, so that our numbers keep about the same.

I am glad to report that Miss Davidson's classes were well attended when she returned from her visit to the States, and the new class of work for which she brought materials might form the beginning of a useful industry in the Parish.

Report of Kindergarten in Mayagüez.—Miss Iva M. Woodruff, Kindergartner. The kindergarten opened the 26th of September with only chairs and tables as equipment, and until November there was little to obtain in Mayagüez to help out. Supplies finally came from New York.

The average attendance before Christmas was about eighteen. After Easter, we had an enrollment of thirty with average attendance of twenty-two. Usually we had twenty four. The little ones were remarkably bright and responsive, and eager to learn all their songs and games being in English. Gifts were received at Christmas time from the "Little Helpers" of St. [illegible] and from St. Matthew's Goffstown, New Hampshire. Other gifts such as cards, and kindergarten material have been sent from friends in the States, and altogether, the kindergarten has progressed and prospered during its short life and proved a [illegible]

APPENDIX III.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Aguas Buenas.—Mission of the Advent. Rev. Frederick A. Warden, in charge. Mr. Antero Rivera, Lay Reader.

Statistics.—Baptized persons, 63. Communicants, 4. Teachers in Sunday School, 2. Pupils, 30. Baptisms, 2. Average attendance, 35. Received from D. and F. Miss. Society $600.

Mayagüez.—St. Andrew's Mission.—The Bishop, in charge. Mr. Enrique Cuervos and Mr. G. Monefeldt, Lay Readers.

Statistics.—Individuals, 250. Baptized Persons, 200. Communicants, 55. Teachers in Sunday School, 9. Pupils, 150. Teachers in Parish School, 6. Pupils, 125. Baptisms, 38. Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 16. Burials, 5. Average attendance, 70. Value of Church Property, $3,381. Contributions for all Parish purposes, $175.98. Communion Alms, $35.39. Received from Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $3619.95. Received from other sources, $125.05. Contributed for Missionary purposes, $128.36. Total Parish and other Contributions, $339.73.

Ponce.—Holy Trinity Parish.—The Bishop, in charge. Rectorship vacant. Mr. Alexander E. Horton, Lay Reader. Churchwardens, Mr. Julius Umbach, Mr. Manuel Toro. Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. John C. Du Bois.

Statistics.—Individuals, 180. Baptized Persons, 180. Communicants, 100. Teachers in Sunday School, 1. Pupils, 60. Teachers in Parish School, 1. Pupils, 47. Baptisms, 9. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2. Value of Church Property, $12,000. Contributions: Parish purposes, including salaries, $225.61. Communion Alms, $4.50. For Missionary Purposes, $34.37. Total Parish and other contributions, $264.48. Received from Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society,— Rector's salary (part of the year) $600.

Ponce.—St. Luke's Memorial Hospital.—No report.

San Juan, Puerta de Tierra.—St. Luke's Mission.—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, in charge. (Assisted by Rev. S. F. Adam). Mr. Joaquin Medina, Catechist. Mrs. Carmen Reus, Parish Helper.

Treasurer, Mr. Paul Keen. Clerk, Mr. Napoleon John.

Statistics.—Individuals, 240. Baptized Persons, 240. Communicants, 158. Teachers in Sunday School, 3. Pupils, 115. Teachers in Parish School, 4. Pupils, 100. Baptisms, 21. Confirmed, 22. Marriages, 11. Burials, 10. Average attendance, English, 65, Spanish, 75. Value of Church property, $10,000. Contributions for all Parish Purposes, including salaries, $350. Communion Alms, $11. Received from Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $2878.68. For Missionary purposes, $28. Other purposes, 75 cents. Total Parish and other contributions, $389.75.

San Juan, Church of St. John the Baptist.—Rector, Rev. F. A. Warden. Wardens, Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth and Captain Edwin I. Griffith. Clerk, Mr. Edward Mayers. Treasurer, Captain Edwin I. Griffith. Lay Readers, Mr. Albert Norman Hansard. Mr. Juan R. Benitez.

Statistics.—Individuals, about 200. Baptized Persons, 200. Communicants, 89. Teachers in Sunday Schools, 7. Pupils, 62. Teachers in Parish School, 2. Pupils, 35. Baptisms, 3. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 2. Value of Church Property, $37,500. Contributions for all Parish Purposes including salaries, $1361.50. Communion Alms, 7. Received from D. and F. Miss. Society, $1300. Contributed for Missions $57. Total Parish and other Contributions, $1425.60.

San Juan, Naval Station.—Included in Report of St. John's, San Juan.)

Santurce, (Park). Mission of the Annunciation. Rev. Frederick A. Warden, in charge. Mr. Juan R. Benitez, Catechist.

Statistics.—Individuals, 125. Teachers in Sunday School, 2. Pupils, 74. Average attendance at services, 65. Contributed for all Parish purposes, including salaries, $5 Received from Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $120. Contributed for Missionary purposes, $2. Total contributions, $7.

Santurce, (Cerra). Mission of St. Paul.—Rev. Frederick A. Warden, in charge. Mr. Joaquin Medina, Catechist.

Statistics.—Individuals, 94 Baptized persons, 94. Communicants, 14. Teachers in Sunday School, 3. Pupils, 40. Baptisms, 5. Confirmed, 4 (in St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.) Average attendance, 40. Contributed for all Parish purposes including salaries, $3. Received from Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society,

$540. Contributed for Missionary purposes, $2. Total contributions, $5.

Vieques.—All Saints' Parish.—Rev. Leonard Read, Rector. Wardens: Mr. H. M. Stiles and Mr.A. J. Sykes. Treasurer, Miss S. R. Davidson. Clerk, Mr. John Walker.

Statistics.—Individuals, 200. Baptized persons, 20. Communicants, 52. Teachers in Sunday School, 1. Pupils, 67. Pupils in Sewing Class, 37. Baptisms, 1. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 6. Value of Church Property, $5,000. Contributed for all Parish purposes including salaries, $58.12. Communion Alms, $27.55. Misionary Purposes, $16.00. General Clergy Fund, $6.50. Received from Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, $1420.00. Total of Parish contributions, $108.17.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

In the following places, occasional Services are held.

Aguirre.—The Bishop in Charge. *Statistics.*—Individuals, 25. Communicants, 5. Contributions, total, $42.25, (of which $25 for general missions; $17.25 for work in Porto Rico.)

Guanica.—The Bishop in Charge. *Statistics.*—Individuals, 50.

Cabras Island (Leper Colony.) *Mission of the Good Shepherd.*—Rev. Frederick A. Warden in charge. Occasional visits by lay workers. Communicants, 4. Contributions, $13.87 for work in Porto Rico. Individuals, 20.

NON-PAROCHIAL.

Rev. S. F. Adam of the Diocese of Albany, Officiating on License.

Report.

San Juan, Porto Rico, May 10th, 1911.

To the Rt. Rev. James H. Van Buren, D. D.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—Respectfuly report that for the past year I have been particularly charged with the services for the English speaking Congregation at Puerta de Tierra, with occasional services at St. John's Church San Juan, at Mayagüez and Ponce. And have officiated as follows:

Divine Service including Holy Communion	178
Including public celebration of Holy Communion	61
Baptisms	6
Marriages	6
Burials	5
Visitation of sick	5
Celebrations of Holy Communion for sick	3

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL FORBES ADAM,
Associate Priest.

SUMMARY.

Parishes and Missions	13
Clergy	4
Communicants	487
Sunday School Teachers	28
Sunday School Pupils	598
Parish School Teachers	13
Parish School Pupils	307
Baptisms	79
Confirmations	51
Marriages	32
Burials	23
Total of Contributions	$2,481.70

APPENDIX IV.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AT THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE MISSIONARY DISTRICT OF PORTO RICO.

EXPENDITURE.

Travelling Expenses in the United States:		
Expenses of the Bishop in United States		$ 50.60
E. W. Barney:		
Salary of the Bishop's Secretary in New Haven from April 1st to August 31st 1910		221.65
Printing Account:		
Printing 350 copies of Journal of 6th Annual Convocation and expressage	$ 102.60	
Printing circulars in United States, stationery and other sundries for Bishop's use	197.00	
	$ 299.60	
Less. Communion alms at Convocation service	2.63	296.97
St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra:		
Balance as per last report	$ 8,308.92	
Cost of a new foundation wall	115.00	8,423.92
Mission at Vieques:		
Paid for repairs to roof of All Saints' Rectory	$ 162.71	
Paid for addition to gallery	7.00	
Paid for painting Rectory	95.25	264.96
Mayagüez School:		
Balance as per last report	$ 2,516.30	
Sanitary repairs made on property	500.00	
	$ 3,016.30	
Less. received from Board of Missions to defray expenses of sanitary repairs	500.00	2,516.30
Ponce School:		
Paid for sanitary repairs	$ 250.00	
Less amt. received from Board of Missions	248.24	1.76

Special Fund:			
Balance due as per last report		$ 17.50	
Paid salary of student J. R. Benitez from May 30th, 1910, to April 30th, 1911, at $17.50		210.00	
Salary student P. R. Reinhardt from April 30th, 1910, to January 31st, 1911, at $10. per month		100.00	327.50
Episcopal Residence:			
Received rent from May 25th to March 25th, 1911, at $40. per month		$ 400.00	
Less portion belonging to Mrs. Van Buren for rent of her furniture		150.00	
		$ 250.00	
Paid for repairs, including painting and plumbing	$ 317.10		
Taxes	45.60		
Insurance to 27th April, 1912	77.63	440.33	190.33
St. Luke's Hospital:			
Amounts forwarded to the Treasurer from May 11th to Nov. 1910			2,533.33
Salaries and Appropriations:			
Disbursed on account of the above up to April 30th, 1911.			
General—Bishop Van Buren's salary from September	$ 2,000.00		
Mayagüez. Teachers and school expenses	$3,671.41		
Repairs to church property	511.92	4,183.33	
San Juan. Rector's salary and rent, also teachers and school expenses		3,051.41	
Ponce. Rector's salary from May to October, also teachers and school expenses		1,258.42	
Vieques. Rector's salary from Nov. to April, also teacher's salary		949.99	
Puerta de Tierra. Teachers and school expenses, also salary of Rev. S. F. Adam	$2,274.01		
Ins. on church to Nov. 1912	108.68	2,382.69	
Santurce. Lay reader and rent of Church building		566.00	
Aguas Buenas. Idem idem		534.00	
Official travel of the Bishop in Porto Rico		145.56	
Travelling expenses of Mr. Read in Porto Rico		72.77	

St. Luke's Hospital, Donation for the months May to November----	583.35		
Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Amount credited to this acct. ----------	300.00		16,027.52
Repairs to Church Property:			
To Church property in Ponce------		391.61	
Idem idem Mayagüez ----------	622.67		
Less Paid by Board of Misisons--	511.92	110.75	
Idem at Puerta de Tierra----------		17.00	
		$ 519.36	
Less. Received for old material----		36.25	483.11
Total expenditure ----------			$31,337.95

RECEIPTS.

Church Extension Fund:			
Balance on hand as per last report--		$19,833.85	
The following accounts were closed by transfer			
Travelling expenses ----------	$ 306.38		
Insurance on Episc. Residence----	77.63		
E. W. Barney ----------	454.97		
Printing Account ----------	273.37		
Mission at Vieques ----------	489.23		
Idem of the Annunciation ------	25.00		
Episcopal Residence ----------	385.25		
St. Luke's Hospital ----------	6,043..08	8,054.91	
Leaving a balance on hand of------			$11,778.94
Specials received during the year up to 15th April 1911 ----------			7,018.42
Insurance on St. Luke's Church for 1907 returned by Board of Missions		109.68	
		$18,907.04	
Less. Paid expense of moving a piano to Mayagüez----------	$ 17.75		
Id. wire screen for St John the Baptist's Church ----------	8.00		
Travelling expenses of P. R. R. Reinhardt to Sewanee --------	30.00		
Id. E. Rivera ----------	100.00		
Kindergarten supplies for school at Mayagüez ----------	44.00	199.75	$18,707.29

Bishop's Discretionary Fund:			
Balance as per last report		$ 29.91	
Yearly allowance		400.00	
Loose offerings at service at Guanica		8.81	
		$ 438.02	
Paid by order of Bishop for divers purposes and at sundry times	$ 399.55		
Remitted to student Rivera, to aid in expenses from Dec. 1910 to April 1911, five months at $20.00 per month	100.00	499.55	38.47
House of Resident Physician, St. Luke's.			
Received as per last report		$ 2,065.00	
Id. up to Aug. 5th 1910		26.00	
		$ 2,091.00	
Paid Mr. Domenech for plans		157.50	1,933.50
Leper's Fund:			
Subscriptions received		$ 132.10	
Paid Miss Jackson for candles, etc.		17.90	
Fund to order Rev F. A. Warden:			
For education native ministers and building church for Annunciation Mission			92.50
E. H. Edson:			
On hand as per last report			7.50
Special Fund.			
Received from Mrs. Georgine H. Thomas for expenses of theological students for April to January 1911, 10 months at $25.00		$ 250.00	
Received from the Bishop's discretionary Fund to complete stipend of J. R. Benitez from April to August		12.50	
same purpose from Sept. to April		20.00	282.50
Salaries and Appropriations:			
Balance as per last report		$ 1,290.51	
Received from Board of Missions up to April		15,638.36	16,928.87
Total receipts			$38,104.83

Balance in hands of the Board of Missions		$ 3,037.25	
Balance in American Colonial Bank			
For account of St. Luke's Church --	$ 7.50		
For salaries and appropriations----	901.35		
For House of Resident Physician --	1,933.50		
For Lepers' Fund ----------	114.20		
For Fund to O| Rev. F. A. Warden--	92.50		
For Bishop's Discretionary Fund --	38.47		
For Church extension ----------	642.11	3,729.63	6,767.88

San Juan, P. R., May 5th 1911.

T. G. I. WAYMOUTH,
Treasurer of the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

Audited:
FREDERICK A. WARDEN.
ALBERT E. LEE.

APPENDIX V.

SCHEDULE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE APPROPRIATION TO THE PORTO RICAN MISSION

for the fiscal year beginning September 1st, 1911, and ending August 31st, 1911. Adopted by the Board of Missions at its Meetings of May 3d and 4th, 1911.

Items		Annual Rate in U. S. Gold Dollars.
I.—*General.*		
1.	The Bishop's Salary	$ 3,000.00
2.	The Bishop's Official Travelling Expenses within the Misionary District, up to	300.00
3.	The Bishop's Discretionary Fund	400.00 3,700.00
II.—*Mayagüez.*		
4.	Successor to the Rev. D. W. Bland	$ 1,200.00
5.	Rent, not to exceed	400.00
6.	St. Andrew's Mission (Running expenses)	120.00
7.	Rent of Church Building	300.00
8.	Miss E. H. McCollough (1)	800.00
9.	School Expenses including salaries of native teachers	1,037.40
10.	Miss Iva M. Woodruff	800.00
11.	Insurance, School	32.05 4,689.45
III.—*San Juan.*		
12.	Rev. F. A. Warden (2) (½ salary)	$ 800.00
13.	Miss Doris W. Brown	800.00
14.	Miss Dolores Romañat (1)	420.00
15.	School Expenses	448.00
16.	Juan Benitez	120.00
17.	Rent and care of Annunciation Mission Building	120.00 2,708.00

IV.—*Ponce.*			
18.	Rector's salary	$ 1,200.00	
19.	Miss Frances Cuddy	800.00	
20.	School Expenses	72.00	
21.	Miss Una F. Dudley	800.00	2,872.00
V.—*Vieques.*			
22.	Rev. L. Read	$ 800.00	
23.	Miss S. R. Davidson (1)	450.00	1,250.00
VI.—*Puerta de Tierra.*			
24.	Successor to the Rev. E. H. Edson	$ 1,200.00	
25.	House Rent up to (Rev. S. F. Adam receives $1,000 from Items 24 and 25.)	400.00	
26.	School Expenses and Supplies	670.00	
27.	Mrs. C. Reus (Parish helper)	300.00	
28.	Insurance	108.68	
29.	Mrs. Helen A. Luther (1)	800.00	3,478.68
VII.—*Aguas Buenas.*			
30.	Antero Rivera	$ 420.00	
31.	Rent of Church	84.00	
32.	Travel	96.00	600.00
VIII.—*Santurce.*			
33.	Joaquin Medina	$ 396.00	
34.	Rent of St. Paul's Church	144.00	540.00
IX.—*Fajardo.*			
35.	The Rev. William E. Hendricks	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00
	Total		$21,038.13

E. & O. E.,
Church Missions House,
281 Fourth Avenue, New York City,
May 5th, 1911.

A true Copy,

Attest: JOSHUA KIMBER,
Associate Secretary.

(1) Appointed under the Woman's Auxiliary United Offering.
(2) The congregation of the Church of St. John the Baptist at San Juan is to pay $800.00 a year in addition to the above stipend.
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ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CONVOCATION OF PORTO RICO.

Order of Business First Day of the Convocation.

1. At 8.30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.
2. At the conclusion of the Holy Communion, the Bishop shall take the Chair and call the Comvocation to order.
3. Election of a Secretary by ballot.
4. Roll call by the Secretary, the List to be provided by the Bishop.
5. Appointment by the Bishop of a Committee on Qualifications, to whom shall be referred any questions touching membership. Undisputed names and credentials to be acted on at once without debate. Q uestions raised or referred to the Convocation by the Committee on Qualifications to be laid aside temporarily.
6. A Constitutional quorum being present, in both orders, the President shall declare the Convocation organized for business.
7. The President shall announce the appointment of the following:
   (a) The Chancellor.
   (b) A Committee on the Admission of new Parishes and Missions, to consist of one clergyman and one layman.
   (c) The Committee on Finance, to consist of the Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.
   (d) A Committee on Unfinished Business.
   (e) A Committee on Nominations.
   (f) The Standing Committee.
   (g) The Auditing Committee of three.
8. The receiving and referring of papers relating to the admission of new Parishes and Missions.
9. Report of Committee on Qualifications temporarily laid aside. Action to be taken immediately after discussion.
10. Presentation of any subject that is to be referred without debate, to special committees for their subsequent report.
11. At 2.30 p. m., the Elections of Officers and Committees, the Committee on Nominations having their report ready to offer, and the election to follow immediately; other nominations being always in order. The President shall announce what elections are to follow, viz.:
   (a) Treasurer.
   (b) Registrar.
   (c) Delegates to the General Convention (in Convention years.)
   (d) Committee on Constitution and Canons (see Canon 13), to consist of two clergymen and one layman.
   (e) Committee of three members, on the creation and increase of the fund for support of a bishop.
   (f) Other elections, if there are any.
12. At three o'clock the Bishop's Annual Address, unless he shall prefer some other time.

13. Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.

14. Reports and action on them, as follows:

(a) By the Treasurer.
(b) By the Registrar.
(c) By the President of the Standing Committee.
(d) By the Chancellor.
(e) By the Committee on Episcopal Support.
(f) By the Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.
(g) By any other Officer or Committee of the Convocation.

15. Miscellaneous business.

16. Adjournment to the second day.

Order of Business Second Day of Convocation.

17. Morning Prayer at 8.30 a. m., by appoinment of the Bishop.

18. Reading of the Minutes of the preceding day, and action on them.

19. The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjourment the day before, if any.

20. Reports from the several Missionaries, the Teachers, and other workers in the several parts of the District; each to occupy not more than ten minutes, unless by vote of the Convocation extending the time. These reports may be verbal or written, and shall be called for by the President of the Convocation.

21. Reports of any special committees on matters referred to them during the session.

22. At 2.30 p. m., miscellaneous business.

23. Reading of the Minutes, action on them, and after Prayers and Benediction, by the President, adjournment without day, unless another day is necesary for finishing the business. In that case the above shall be the order.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. The usual courtesie sof parliamentary observance shall govern at all times.

II. No person shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convocation, nor more than once until others desiring to speak shall have spoken; but the mover of a resolution shall have the privilege of closing the debate.

III. All special committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specified in the motion calling for appointment of the committee.

IV. No motion shall be entertained unless and until reduced to writing, and seconded by another than the mover, and handed to the Secretary, with the mover's name appended.

V. When a question is before the Convocation, it shall be in order:

(a) To lay on the table.
(b) To postpone to a fixed time.
(c) To postpone indefinitely.
(d) To limit debate by taking a vote at a fixed time, or by a vote determining the time allowed for each speaker.
(e) To commit.
(f) To amend.

Motions for any of these proceedings shall be in the order of precedence as named, and a question on any of these shall be decided before the original motion, which shall then be put, as altered or not.

VI. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are proposed. A motion amending an amendment may be entertained, but no second amendment to an amendment can be entertained. A substitute for the whole may be received and acted upon, provided the substitute be on the same subject.

VII. A motion to lay on the table is to be taken at once without debate.

VIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

IX. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convocation, in which case a majority or a tie shall sustain the President's decision.

X. With the consent of the Convocation, the mover may at any time withdraw a motion which has not been put on its passage, in which case it shall not appear upon the Minutes.

XI. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

XII. A motion to reconsider may be made by one who has voted in the majority on is passage, but such motion can be carried only by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

XIII. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convocation may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

XIV. In a vote by Orders. if the delegates from a parish or mission are equally divided, the vote shall be cast, and marked "divided." And such vote shall not be considered as affecting the decision of the question one way or the ohter.

XV. A constitutional quorum consists of one-third of each Order, or representatives from a majority of the parishes and organized missions of the Convocation. Such quorum is necesary for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

XVI. All elections shall be by ballot.

XVII. For the suspension of the Rules of Order, or for the change of the Order of Business, the consent of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting shall be necessary.

A PRAYER.

O God, the Holy Ghost, who dost administer the truth and intent of Him who is the divine Head of the Church, we implore Thee to inspire the sons and daughters of the Heavenly King with a willing heart to give abundantly for the maintenance and extension of the Kingdom, according to the measure of their ability. Give to the Board of Missions wisdom and courage to face the responsibilities resting upon them, supply the treasury with necessary resources and take away anxiety and distrust. Give to all who work in the vineyard, the light of Faith in every dark and troubled hour; the joy of a Hope which casteth out fear, and the unfailing Charity which endureth all things. Keep all members of the Household in loyalty to God and to one another, and bring us home at last in the harvest-time, with songs of deliverance and of a holy triumph, to praise Thee forevermore, who, with the Father and the Son, art one only God, the hope of all the ends of the earth to all eternity, world without end. AMEN.

CANON IV PARISHES

1 The formation of parishes shall be vested in the Bishop of the District, acting with the advice and consent of the Council of Advice. No congregation shall become a parish until it is able wholly to support a rector and is provided with a church or chapel.

2 When a parish shall cease to be self-supporting, and so long as it shall remain so, it shall, with the advice and consent of the Council of Advice, be treated as an Organized Mission and the Bishop shall appoint a Missionary-in-charge and a Mission Committee.

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and dates suggested for same.

For the General Clergy Relief Fund.....	On Christmas Day.
For the Support of the Episcopate....	At Ascensiontide.
For the Extension of the Church in the District.....	At the Visitation of the Bishop.

And such frequent offerings for Missions as will enable the prompt payment of the Apportionment.

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OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT.

The Bishop.

The Rt. Rev. Charles Blayney Colmore, D. D., San Juan.

Council of Advice.

Rev. Frederick A. Warden, President, San Juan.
Rev. Leonard Read, Secretary, Mayaguez.
Mr. Henry W. Dooley.
Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

Secretary,

Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, Ponce.

Treasurer,

Capt. Edwin J. Griffith, U. S. A. San Juan.

Chancellor,

Hon. José R. F. Savage, San Juan.

Registrar,

Rev. F. A. Warden, San Juan.

Examining Chaplains.

Rev. F. A. Warden,
Rev. Leonard Read.

Delegates to the Primary Synod of the II Province,

Rev. F. A. Warden. Mr. H. W. Dooley,
Rev. Leonard Read. Mr. H. M. C. Vedder.
Rev. W. E. Hendricks, Mr: H. B. Moore,
Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, Capt. E. J. Griffith.

THE MISSIONARY STAFF.

Bishop.

The Right Rev. Charles Blayney Colmore, D. D.

Priests.

The Rev. Leonard Read.
The Rev. Frederick A. Warden.
The Rev. William E. Hendricks.
The Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt.

Deacon.

The Rev. Johan F. Droste.

Lay Readers, licensed.

Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt,
Mr. Camille Estornel,
Mr. George William Waymouth,
Mr. Henry Butler Moore,
Mr. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán,
Mr. José Flores.
Mr. Esteban Reus Garcia.

Native Catechists.

Mr. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán,	Puerta de Tierra.
Mr. Camille Estornel,	San Juan.

Candidate for Holy Orders.

Mr. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán.

Parish Helpers.

Miss. Sarah R. Davidson,	Vieques.
Mrs. Carmen Reus,	Puerta de Tierra.

Teachers.

Miss. Frances Cuddy.	Ponce.
Miss. E. H. McCollough,	Mayaguez.
Miss. S. Elizabeth Mellowes.	Mayaguez.
Miss. Iva M. Woodruff,	Ponce.
Miss. Dolores Romañat.	San Juan.
Miss. Isabel Beauchamp,	Mayaguez.
Miss. Amanda Castro.	Mayaguez.
Miss. Irene Brown,	Puerta de Tierra.

St. Luke's memorial Hospital, Ponce.

Medical Director	Lyman Weeks Crossman. M. D.
Superintendent,	Miss. Etta L. Robbins, G. N.
Housekeeper.	Miss Clotilde Rodriguez, G. N.
Assistant.	Miss. Francisca Jimenez, G. N.
Chaplain.	Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt.

Staff of Physicians.

C. Suarez, M. D.
L. W. Crossman, M. D.
Victor Lopez–Nussa, M. D.
J. M. Suarez, M. D.
Antonio Mayoral, M. D.
D. Perez Marchand, M. D.
J. W. Kenney, M. D.

Board of Advisors.

Mr. Jorge Amstrong, President.
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Mr. R. H. Allen,
Mr. E. L. Hess,
Mr. J. N. Torruella.
Mr. Felix Sauri.

In the Training School there are at the present time eight Pupil Nurses.

COMMITTEES.

Constitution and Canons.

The Rev. F. A. Warden,
The Rev. Leonard Read,
The Chancellor.

Finance.

The Bishop;
The Treasurer,
Mr. Enrique Cuervos.

Episcopal Support.

The Rev. Leonard Read,
Mr. H. M. C. Vedder,
Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

Sunday School Work.

The Rev. F. A. Warden,
The Rev. W. E. Hendricks,
The Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt.

Missionary Apportionment.

The Rev. F. A. Warden.
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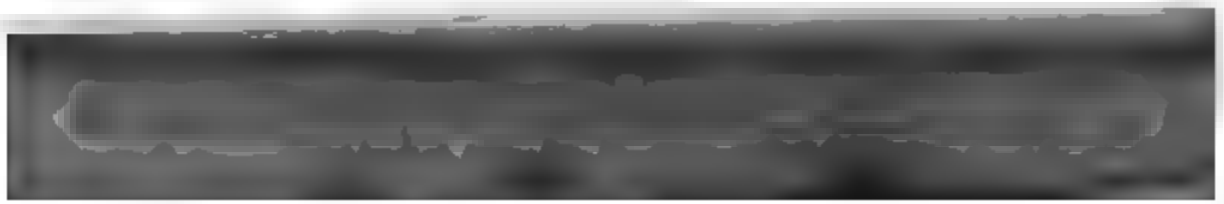
Delegates to Provincial Sunday School Convention.

The Rev. Leonard Read,
The Rev. F. A. Warden,
Miss. Frances Cuddy,
Miss. S. R. Davidson.

PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

ıan.....	St. John the Baptist.
ı de Tierra.....	St. Luke's.
rce (Park).....	Annunciation.
rce [Cerra].....	St. Paul's.
s Island	The Good Shepherd.
guez.....	St. Andrew's.
'.....	Holy Trinity.
.....	St. Luke's Hospital.
ca Centrale.....	
l Aguirre.....	
s.....	All Saints.
o.....	The Resurrection.
do.....	The Transfiguration.

Missions preceeded by (*) have two congrega-
English speaking, and the other Spanish'



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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.
SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH 1914.

The eighth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico, assembled on Wednesday, June 17th in the Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan.

A service of Ordination was held at which the Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, Deacon, was advanced to the Priesthood. The Bishop of the District preached the Sermon, and the Candidate was presented by the Rev. F. A. Warden. Those assisting in the Laying on of Hands were the Rev. Messrs. F. A. Warden, Leonard Read and W. E. Hendricks.

At 11.30 o'clock Convocation was called to order with Bishop Colmore in the Chair.

With the permission of the Delegates present, the Bishop appointed the Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt Secretary pro tem., the last Secretary being absent.

The roll call showed the following Clergy present: The Bishop, The Rev. Messrs. F. A. Warden, Leonard Read, W. E. Hendricks, Paul R. R. Reinhardt and J. F. Droste.

The roll of Lay Delegates was called as follows: (the names of those not present at any time are written in italics)

St. Andrew's,	Mayaguez.....	*Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt.*
		Miss. E. H. Mc Collough.
Holy Trinity,	Ponce.....	*Mr. H. M. C. Vedder*
		Dr. Lyman W. Crossman.
St. Luke's,	Puerta de Tierra.....	Mr. Jesus Reus.
		Mr. John Quelch.
St. John the Baptist,	San Juan...	Capt. Edwin J. Griffith.
		Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.
The Transfiguration,	Fajardo	Mr. Enrique Cuervos.
All Saints,	Vieques.....	Miss. S. R. Davidson.

Total number of organized Parishes and Missions six, represented by ten Delegates. Present 8, absent 2.

The necessary quorum being present the Chair announced that the Convocation was ready for organization.

On motion of the Rev. F. A. Warden, the Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt was nominated for the office of Secretary.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Chair cast the ballot of the Convocation for the Rev. Mr. Reinhardt. which was done and Mr. Reinhardt declared elected Secretary.

The Chair appointed as a Committee on Qualifications the Rev. F. A. Warden, and Mr. Jesus Reus.

The said Committee on Qualifications soon rendered their report declaring that the credentials of the various Delegates were in due form.

The following appointments were then announced by the Bishop:

Chancellor.

The Hon. J. R. F. Savage.

Committee on admission of new Parishes and Missions.

The Rev. Leonard Read. Mr. John Quelch.

Committee on Finance.

The Bishop, The Treasurer, Mr. Enrique Cuervos.

Committee on Unfinished Business.

The Rev. William E. Hendricks. Miss. S. R. Davidson.

Committee on Nominations.

The Rev. F. A. Warden. Miss E. H. Mc Collough

Council of Advice.

The Rev. F. A. Warden. The Rev. Leonard Read.
Mr. H. W. Dooley. Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth.

Auditing Committee.

The Rev. Leonard Read. Mr. H. M. C. Velder.
Capt. E. J. Griffith.

Committee on the State of the Church.

The Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt, Mr. G. Monefeldt.
The Rev. W. E. Hendricks. Mr. C. Reed.

The Noon hour having arrived it was moved and carried that Convocation adjourn for luncheon.

Convocation reassembled at 3: P. M.

The Secretary, at the request of the Chair, read in Spanish the Bishop's appointments of the various committees.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address. (See appendix I.) Immediately afterward the report of the committee on nominations was presented.

Upon request, the Bishop explained that the Treasurer of Convocation is to receive all offerings made for Missionary work, for the General Clergy Relief Fund, for Convocation expenses and for the support of the Episcopate.

The elections for the various offices and Committees were then declared in order and the following were elected:

Treasurer of Convocation.....Capt. Edwin J. Griffith.
Registrar.....The Rev. F. A. Warden.

Committee on Constitution and Canons,

The Rev. F. A. Warden, The Rev. L. Read, and the Chancellor.

Committee on Episcopal Support,

The Rev. L. Read, Mr. H. M. C. Velder, and Mr T. G. I. Waymouth.

Committee on Sunday School Work,

The Rev. F. A. Warden, The Rev. W. E. Hendricks and the Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt.

The Secretary read a telegram received from Mr. Carl Reed, of Ponce, as follows:

«Sorry impossible attend Convocation. Prayers and Blessings. Reed.»

Those nominated as Delegates to the Provincial Sunday School Convention were the Rev. Messrs. Leonard Read and F. A. Warden, Miss Frances Cuddy, Miss. Iva M. Woodruff and Miss. S. R. Davidson.

It was moved and seconded that the Secretary cast one ballot for those nominated. This was done and they were declared elected.

The following were elected Delegates to the Provincial Synod: The Rev. Messrs. F. A. Warden, Leonard Read. W. E. Hendricks and Paul R. R. Reinhardt, and Messrs. H. W. Dooley, H. M. C. Vedder, H. B. Moore and Capt. E. J. Griffith.

The Rev. F. A. Warden then introduced to Convocation the Rev. Mr. Cookson, Pastor of the Methodist Church in San Juan. He was received by the Bishop and welcomed by the Convocation.

The following resolution offered by the Rev. F. A. Warden was carried: Resolved: that so much of the Bishop's address as relates to the Missionary Apportionment be referred to a committee of three, one Clergyman and two Laymen to be appointed by the Chair.

The Bishop and the Rev. F. A. Warden urged upon Convocation the value of the Womans Auxiliary. The Rev. Leonard Read and Miss Davidson also reported favorably on the branches at Mayaguez and Vieques stating that their work had been most satisfactory.

The following resolution was then adopted: «Resolved: that this Convocation has heard with great interest and satisfaction of the renewed interest in the work of the Womans Auxiliary in this District and that we desire that all Missionaries do their best to establish local branches.»

Reports having been called for, the Treasurer stated that he had received the amount of $10.56 to be used for Convocation expenses, being the offerings received at the morning Service.

The Registrar then read his report as follows:

«To the eighth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico:

During the past twelve months I have received the Convocation reports of the majority of the Dioceses and Missionary Districts of the Church, also catalogues of several institutions of learning, and Missionary literature, all of which has been placed on file.

Respectfully submitted,»

Frederick A. Warden, Registrar.

Upon motion by the Rev. Leonard Read, the Registrar's report was received.

The report of the Council of Advice was read as follows:

«To the eighth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico:

Since the Annual Convocation of 1911, this Council has held five meetings, at which it has recommended for the Sacred Order of Priesthood the Rev. Messrs. W. E. Hendricks and Paul R. R. Reinhardt, and for the Diaconate Mr. Ernesto Rivera and Mr. Paul R. R. Reinhardt. Recommendation was also made that the Rev. José Sanz y Martinez, a Priest of the Roman Communion, be received as a Minister of this Church, and that Mr. Enrique Cuervos be admitted as a Candidate for Holy Orders. The Council has also received notification of the resignation of the Right Rev. James Heart VanBuren, D. D. as Bishop of this District, of the appointment of the Right Rev. Albion W. Knight, D. D., as Bishop in charge, and of the election of the Right Rev. Charles Blayney Colmore as Bishop of Porto Rico, and of his Consecration in All Saints Chapel, Sewanee, Tenn. on Wednesday, December 17th 1913.

Signed *Frederick A. Warden*, Presdt.
Leonard Read, Secretary.

It was moved by the Rev. W. E. Hendricks, seconded and carried that the report be accepted.

The Chancellor being absent, his report was read by the Bishop as follows:

San Juan, Porto Rico, June 17th 1914.

To the eighth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

During the past year the attention of your Chancellor has been given principally to two subjects: viz. titles to Church properties and taxes.

TITLES.

In January of this year title was acquired to a piece of property in Santurce for the use of the Annunciation Mission. The title to this property was examined and found to be satisfactory before the deed was taken. An investigation of the title of a portion of the property in Vieques discloses the fact that the Rev. Mr. Bean, to whom this sale was made in 1894, failed to register his deed. The property was purchased by him from a partnership which was subsequently dissolved, the property of the partnership passing to Mr. Gustavo Mouraille. Mr. Mouraille registered his titles, and among them the title to

this property. I anticipate no difficulty in arranging the matter with Mr. Mouraille.

I have also consulted with the Bishop and have advised him with regard to the Church properties in other parts of the Island.

TAXES.

Shortly after the arrival of Bishop Colmore, I was consulted with regard to the question of the taxes assessed against the Church properties at Vieques and at Ponce. Upon investigation I find that the buildings at both places are used in part at least for school purposes. I also find that the Attorney General of Porto Rico has held that the residence of Bishop Jones in San Juan is exempt from taxation because a school is conducted in it. I have therefore, with the approval of the Bishop begun an action against the Treasurer of Porto Rico to recover the taxes on these properties which were paid under protest. The amount involved is insignificant, but the principle of the thing is what we are fighting for.

A claim was also presented to the Treasurer of Porto Rico for the repayment of $15.60 which was improperly collected under two separate tax receipts for the same property. This claim was allowed by the Treasurer and the money refunded and is now ready to be turned over to the Treasurer of the District.

Consultations with the Bishop have been frequent and as a result of these, a claim for the payment of rent of the building in Aguas Buenas was proved and paid. In this connection a claim is now pending, from Mr. Antero Rivera for services as Catechist at Agnas Buenas. In my opinion this claim is without merit.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. F. Savage. Chancellor.

Upon motion it was resolved: «that we receive with grateful appreciation the report of our Chancellor and convey to him our thanks for his important and efficient work.»

The bishop then announced the appointment of the Rev. F. A. Warden, Dr. L. W. Crossman, and Mr. Enrique Cuervos as the Committee on Missionary Apportionment.

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt

to say Morning Prayer the next morning, June 18th, assisted by the Rev. Wm. E. Hendricks.

At 5:30 P. M. Convocation adjourned until 8:30 A. M. Thursday the 18th.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, June 18th 1914.

At 8:30 Morning Prayer was read, and at 9:o'clock the Bishop called the Convocation to order.

The Secretary read the minutes of the preceeding day which, after certain changes had been made, were approved.

The Secretary then asked Convocation the privilege of addressing it on an extra-convocational matter. This being granted he had the floor for about five minutes.

Reports from the various Committees were then called for.

The Committee on Episcopal Support stated that there were no funds for this purpose and that there was nothing to report.

The special Committee appointed by the Bishop to consider the question of the Missionary Apportionment reported as follows:

«To the eighth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

Your special committee on Missionary Apportionment after careful consideration would suggest that our Missionary District request that the amount apportioned to us for 1914–15 be changed from $157 to $225 and that the sum be divided among the Parishes and Missions as follows:

St. John's, San Juan	$ 50
St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra	25
Holy Trinity, Ponce	75
St. Andrew's Mayaguez	50
All Saints, Vieques	10
Transfiguration, Fajardo	10
Resurrection, El Coto	5

The Committee would further recommend that in our effort to educate and interest the faithful in the work of Missions, that the Clergy and other Missionaries or workers procure the Bulletin of Eastertide 1914, copies of

which are to be obtained gratis from the Board of Missions. We furthermore suggest to our Brethren of the Clergy that they fail not to have a branch of the Womans Auxiliary in every cure, and if possible, branches of the Juniors and Little Helpers, as we consider them helpful agencies for arousing missionary enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,»

F. A. Warden, for the Committee.

At the request of the Rev. Wm. E. Hendricks and upon motion by the Delegate from Vieques, the sum apportioned to the Mission of the Transfiguration in Fajardo, was changed to $7 and that to All Saints, Vieques, to $13.

It was then moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Committee on Apportionment be accepted as amended.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons presented a report as follows:

To the eighth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico;

Your Committee recommends that the present article V. of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: Three of the Clergy, exclusive of the Bishop, entitled to seats and votes shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may adjourn from day to day.

Signed. *The Committee.*

Upon motion the report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Unfinished Business was read as follows:

To the eighth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico;

We your Committee on Unfinished Business, beg to report that upon examination we have found that the only unfinished business was to be found on page 13 of the last Journal, relating to increased Apportionment. This however was duly considered and determined by this Convocation. We therefore suggest that this Committee be discharged.

Respectfully submitted.

Wm. E. Hendricks.
Sarah R. Davidson.

The report was received and the suggestion adopted.

The Committee on Sunday School work then presented its report.

To the eighth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

Your Committee, considering this department of the Church's work as of primary importance, feels that no method of instruction can be too complete or too simplified. We regret greatly that for the Spanish Sunday Schools of our District in times past, few if any, Sunday School helps have been available. We are delighted to hear from the Bishop of the prospect of some additional literature of this sort and trust that it may soon reach us. We wish that it were possible to have a Teacher's consulting Library for use in teacher training. We recommend that the Committee appoint a Sunday School Secretary whose duty it shall be to correspond with Sunday School Commissions in the North and gather such literature to have on hand for the use of the various Parishes and Missions.»

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. Warden,
W. E. Hendricks,
P. R. Reinhardt.

The report of the Committee was accepted.

Announcement was made to the Convocation that the Committee on Sunday School Work had appointed the Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt as its Secretary.

The Hon. J. R. F. Savage, Chancellor, then read a further report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons. The Report follows.

To the eighth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

Your Committee on Constitution and Canons respectfully recommends for action at the next Annual Convocation, in accordance with Article XII of the Constitution, the following amendments to the said Constitution and Canons;

I.

That the first sentence of Article IV of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

«The membership of the Convocation shall be composed

of the Officers mentioned in Article III, all Clergymen canonically resident in the District not less than three months previous to the meeting, together with two Lay delegates from each Parish or organized Mission in the District, chosen at the next preceeding Annual Meeting of the Parish or Mission, or in the event of a failure on the part of the Parish or Mission to make such a choice, appointed by the Minister in charge.» (The balance of Article IV to remain unchanged.)

II.

That Canon 9. be amended to read as follows:

«No Mission shall be considered as organized until it shall include at least 10 persons as Baptized members, entitled to vote, when a finance Committee, whose duties shall be those of a vestry, so far as the circumstances will allow, shall be appointed by the Missionary in charge.» (The balance of the Canon remains unchanged.)

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. F. Savage,
F. A. Warden,
Leonard Read.

It was moved and carried that the further report of the Committee on Constitutions and Canons be accepted.

The report of the Finance Committee was then read by the Secretary as follows:

To the 8th. Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

Your Committee begs leave to present the following report;

In considering the matter of funds required by the Convocation for the ensuing year we find that the publication of the Journal of Convocation will be the principal expense while there will be some minor expenses connected with the Secretary's office and mailing of the Journal. For this there will be necessity of $110.00 more or less.

The only means of supplying these funds seems to be that provided by Canon 7 and we have therefore divided

this amount among the several Missions of the District as follows:

Mayaguez	$ 15.00
Ponce	40.00
Fajardo	5.00
Vieques	15.00
San Juan	30.00
Puerta de Tierra	10.00
El Coto	5.00
	$ 120.00

We wish to call attention to the fact that the Convocation expenses will be due in the near future and that it is desirable that the Treasurer receive the amount as early as possible.

We therefore beg to offer the following resolution:

Resolved:—That the amounts assessed to the various Missions in the above report be adopted by this Convocation.

Signed;

Charles B. Colmore, Bishop,
Enrique Cuervos,
E. J. Griffith.

It was moved and carried that this report be accepted.

It was then moved by the Rev. Leonard Read that the Secretary be requested to thank Mr. Carl Read for his telegram of good wishes and interest and express our regrets in writing that he could not be present at the meetings of this Convocation. The motion was carried.

On motion of the Rev. W. E. Hendricks, the Chair was instructed to appoint a Committee to write a letter of congratulation and good wishes to the Right Rev. Albion W. Knight, D. D., Vice–Chancellor of the University of the South on the occasion of his Installation.

The following Committee was appointed: The Rev. Messrs. F. A. Warden and W. E. Hendricks.

At 12:15 P. M. Convocation adjourned for luncheon.

At 2:30 P. M. Convocation reassembled.

The following resolution moved by the Rev. Leonard Read was seconded and carried. Resolved; that a vote of thanks be extended to the Bishop, and to the Rector and

members of St. John's Church who have so kindly extended hospitality and courtesy to the visitors.

The Committee on new Parishes and Missions reported that no new Parishes or Missions had sought admission into union with Convocation. The report was received and the Committee discharged.

Upon motion it was resolved that in every Parish and Mission of this Missionary District the offerings taken at the time of the Bishop's visitation shall be devoted to the work of Church extension in this District and that this be a standing resolution in the journal of Convocation.

The. Rev. F. A. Warden then presented to the Bishop and Convocation the Rev. Mr. Andujar, the Superintendent of the Methodist Mission in Porto Rico. Mr. Andujar was received by the Bishop and welcomed by the members of Convocation.

At the request of the Bishop the Secretary then read the following letter from the Secretary of the House of Deputies of General Convention with the accompanying resolutions.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

To the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

In compliance with the requirement of Canon 48, Sec. I (V), I hereby give notice that the following alterations of the Constitution of the Church are proposed: to wit, those comprised in the resolutions printed herewith, said resolutions having been constitutionally adopted by a General Convention held in the City of New York, in October, A. D. 1913.

(Signed) *Henry Anstice*,
Secretary of the House of Deputies.

New York,
March 15, A. D. 1914.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the following change be made in the Constitution and that the proposed alteration be made known to the several Dioceses, in order that the same may be adopted at the next General Convention, in accordance with Article XI. of the Constitution as follows:—

Strike out Section 3 of Article I and insert in place thereof the following:

Section 3. Upon the expiration of the term of office

of the Presiding Bishop, the General Convention shall elect the Presiding Bishop of the Church. The House of Bishops shall choose one of the Bishops having jurisdiction within the United States to be such Presiding Bishop, by a vote of a majority of all the Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, such choice to be subject to confirmation by the House of Deputies. His term and tenure of office and duties shall be prescribed by the Canons o the General Convention.

But if the Presiding Bishop shall resign his office as such, or if he shall resign his episcopal jurisdiction, or if by reason of infirmity he shall become disabled, the Bishop next in seniority by consecration, having jurisdiction within the United States, shall thereupon become the Presiding Bishop till the next meeting of the General Convention.

Resolved;—That the following change be made in the Constitution and the proposed alteration be made known to the several Dioceses, in order that the same may be adopted at the next General Convention in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution as follows;

Strike out in the second line of Article I, Section 7 of the Constitution, «On the first Wednesday in October» and insert in the place thereof the following; «On the Wednesday after the first Sunday in October», so that the section as amended shall read;

Section 7. The General Convention shall meet in every third year on the Wednesday after the first Sunday in October, unless a different day be appointed by the preceeding Convention and at the place designated by such Convention: but if there shall appear to the Presiding Bishop of the Church sufficient cause for changing the place so appointed, he may appoint another place for such meeting. Special meetings may be provided for by Canon.

Resolved;—That the following change be made in the Constitution and that the proposed alteration be made known to the several Dioceses, in order that the same may be adopted at the next General Convention, in accordance with Article XI, of the Constitution as follows;

Add to the second paragraph of Article IX the words «*Provided however*, that the General Convention may by Canon provide for a change of the place of trial» so that the paragraph as amended shall read as follows;

Presbyters and Deacons shall be tried by a Court instituted by the Convention of the Diocese or by the Eccle-

siastical Authority of the Missionary District, in which they are canonically resident; *provided, however,* that the General Convention may by Canon provide for a change of the place of trial.

Resolved;—That the following change be made in the Constitution, and that the proposed alteration be made known to the several Dioceses, in order that the same may be adopted at the next General Convention, in accordance with Article XI of the Constitution, as follows:

Amend Article X by inserting in line 18 of page 13 after the words «Tables of Lessons» the words «and Table of Proper Psalms on Certain Days'and Table of Selections of Psalms,» so that the Proviso as amended shall read;

Provided, however, That the General Convention, at any meeting shall have power to amend the Tables of Lessons and Table of Proper Psalms on Certain Days and Table of Selections of Psalms by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to vote in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of the Clerical and Lay Deputies of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies voting by Orders.

The following report of the «Joint Committee to report a plan for Uniform Registration of Communicants» is herewith transmitted in persuance of the following resolution adopted at the last General Convention:

Resolved:—That the Secretary of the House of Deputies have this Report printed as a circular within one year after the final adjournment of this Convention, and sent to the Secretary of each Diocese and Missionary District, with the request that it be communicated to the next Annual Convention or Convocation thereof, as the decision of the General Convention, with reference to the registration and enumeration of Communicants.

Henry Anstice, Secretary.

REPORT.

The Joint Committee appointed in 1907, and continued in 1910, «to report a plan for the uniform registration of Communicants» respectfully reports that it has given the matter careful consideration, and is of the opinion that the different aspects of the question are admirably covered by the report made in 1907 by a similar Committee of the House of Deputies, to which they beg leave to refer. It will be found on pages 231 to 233 of the

Journal for that year. We agree with all that is there said defining a «Communicant» as one who has received Baptism and Confirmation or has been formally admitted to the Holy Communion as being «ready and desirous to be Confirmed.» We reiterate that all such should be enrolled and kept upon the Parish Register until death, transfer or discipline removes the name.

Neglect of the privilege of receiving the Sacrament, long absence or even departure without a letter is not sufficient reason for erasing a name, as the person may reappear or ask for transfer after many years. His rights as a potential Communicant should be scrupulously conserved. On the other hand, parochial reports should not be padded with misleading statistics. To enumerate all these non-effective members is to exaggerate the real strength of the Parish. Communicants known to have neglected for three years the reception of the Holy Communion, in spite of due and sufficient opportunity therefor, should not be reported for statistical purposes. But, as above suggested, nothing but death, transfer or discipline should justify the removal of a name from the Register.

We recommend that this ruling be made known to the Diocesan authorities in order to secure the requisite uniformity.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis K. Brooke,
Robert Codman,
F. W. Harriman,
George W. Pepper.

JOURNALS, CANONS, AND TABLES OF LESSONS.

The Journals of the General Convention of 1913 are ready for delivery. Copies bound in cloth are being sent, carriage prepaid, to every Bishop and every member of the House of Deputies, to the Secretary of every Diocese and District for preservation in the archives. Any clergyman may secure a copy of the Journal, which includes the Constitution and Canons, by sending to the Secretary at the Church Missions House, New York, 20 cents in stamps to cover the cost of delivery. If he prefers to receive a cloth bound copy 50 cents additional should be sent. Journals not disposed of as above are on sale at $1.00, for paper covers and $1.50 for cloth, and will be

sent to any address postpaid on receipt of price. A limited number of Journals of recent years can be had at 75 cents each. postpaid.

The Constitution and Canons in separate form are sold to clergy and laity alike at 40 cents in paper or 75 cents in cloth, postpaid. Any orders to receive attention must be accompanied by the requisite remittance in cash or money order and not in local checks except when 10 cents is added to cover bank charge of collection.

The New Tables of Lessons, authorized for alternative use will be sent free to every clergyman expressing a desire to receive the same. Additional copies to either clergymen or laymen will be mailed for 12 cents each. The Tables of Lessons set forth in 1910 will be included if requested, without charge.

Henry Anstice, Secretary.

281 Fourth Avenue, New York.

The following resolution was then moved by the Reverend F. A. Warden, seconded and carried;

Resolved;—That the letter of the Secretary of the House of Deputies relative to changes and alterations proposed in Constitution and Canons together with letter concerning Communicants be printed in our Journal.

The following resolution was made and carried; Resolved that the Bishop's address with the record of his official acts be published in the Journal of Convocation.

Reports from the various Missionaries were then called for.

The following made verbal reports of their work:

Miss. E. H. McCollough for the Parish School in Mayagüez;

The Rev. Leonard Read for St. Andrew's Mission, Mayagüez;

The Rev. F. A. Warden for Mission work in San Juan and suburbs;

The Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt for Holy Trinity, Ponce, and as Chaplain of St. Luke's Hospital;

Dr. L. W. Crossman for the work of St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce;

(For written report see appendix.)

Miss. Irene Brown for the School at St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra;

Mr. Enrique Cuervos for his work at Fajardo and Mayagüez;

Miss. Dolores Romañat for School at St John's, San Juan;
Mrs. Jesus Reus as Parish Visitor at Puerta de Tierra;
Mr. Camille Estornell as Catechist in St. John's Parish.
The following written reports will be found in the appendix:

Rev. Wm. E. Hendricks for The Transfiguration, Fajardo;
Rev. J. F. Droste for the Resurrection, El Coto;
Miss. Frances Cuddy for the Parish School, Ponce;
Dr. L. W. Crossman for St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce.

Capt. Griffith, Treasurer of Convocation, stated that the amount assessed to the Mission at El Coto for Convocation expenses has been paid. The Bishop then commended such action and urged the other Missions to follow the example of this, our youngest Mission.

The Rev. Wm. E. Hendricks then read the following report of the Committee on the State of the Church:

To the 8th. Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

We, your Committee on the State of the Church, beg to report that upon due deliberation and careful study we find much upon the surface for which the pessimist may rejoice. True, there have been many discouragements. True, in the individual work there stand out many pressing needs. Ponce has a Church building in a delapidated condition. Mayagüez is holding services in a building which is likely soon to be condemned by the city officers. Fajardo is still in a rented hall. Vieques also may not be passed by unnoticed. Despite this however, the work of the Church though hampered is not dead. Behind the dark clouds is still the silver lining.

The Committee therefore begs to suggest that a more optimistic view be taken. That while we as faithful servants of the Church in this part of the Mission Field are often beaten in our plans for progress and success, we are not yet conquered, and further, that this Convocation supplicates the Prayers of the Church at large that in things spiritual and material we may grow to large success and that as we plant and water we wait upon the Lord for the increase.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. E. Hendricks.
P. R. R. Reinhardt.

It was moved and carried that this report be accepted.

The Rev. F. A. Warden then offered the Church of St. John the Baptist as the place of meeting for the next Convocation, and suggested that the various Missionaries send the names of their Delegates to the Priest of the Parish wherever the next Convocation may meet, in order that he may make provision for their entertainment.

The following resolution was presented by the Rev. Leonard Read, and was carried:- Resolved; that the invitation of the Rev. F. A. Warden for the next Annual Convocation to meet in the Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, be gratefully accepted.

The Bishop then thanked the members of Convocation for their attendance and interest in the proceedings.

The following resolution moved by the Rev. F. A. Warden was carried; Resolved:—that a vote of thanks be accorded to our Secretary for his faithful and painstaking work.

The following resolution moved by the Rev. F. A. Warden was carried; Resolved.—that this Convocation accord its hearty welcome to the Bishop and express its appreciation of his kindly and impartial Presidency, and hopes for many recurring sessions under his Episcopal direction.

The Secretary then read the minutes, which were upon motion, approved.

After prayers and Benediction by the Bishop, the Convocation adjourned sine die.

Charles Blayney Colmore,
Bishop of Porto Rico

Paul R. R. Reinhardt,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

It is with great pleasure that for the first time I now welcome you to an Annual Convocation of this Missionary District. Owing to the necessity of my making a visit to the Missionary District of Haiti in May, I took advantage of the authority given me by Art. II of our Constitution to postpone our annual Convocation to this date.

I must confess that I approach our work with a decided feeling of inexperience and incapacity, and am sure that you will be called upon to exercise patience and to forgive much that you will find wanting in me. Only as I feel sure of God's call to this work do I have courage to undertake it. I have no doubt however of the loyalty of all of you and feel certain that you will cooperate to your utmost to make our deliberations successful and to the glory of God's name.

CONSECRATION.

My Consecration took place on Dec. 17, 1913 at my old home in Sewance, Tenn. The place was chosen for its sentimental attachment for me, and while the influence of the service may not have been very broad, its impression was deep and I feel sure will prove to be lasting.

«IN MEMORIAM.»

Before I touch upon the conditions and needs of this field as I find them, allow me to pause for a moment to recount the names of those Bishops of the Church who have gone to their reward since last December. Henry Douglas Robinson, Bishop of Nevada, cut off in his prime, died Dec. 18, 1913. Bishops Niles and Scarborough of New Hampshire and New Jersey, the 2nd. and 4th in order of seniority, in a ripe age, having finished their course and fought a good fight, do now rest from their labors. By removing Bishop Scadding of Oregon from this

world in the 56th year of his age, God has closed a life of singular activity and usefulness. May God grant them eternal peace and may light perpetual shine upon them. We should at this same time make recognition also of God's goodness to us in preserving the lives of all our small band. While we have not been entirely free from illness, yet God has spared us all to continue our work in His field.

THE FIELD.

Upon may arrival I found seven Missions manned by six clergy. Since that time one priest, the Rev. José Sanz has asked to be deposed from the Ministry and in accordance with Canon 33, has been suspended for a period of six months. This leaves vacant the two Missions of St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra in this city and All Saints, Vieques.

With the completion of the Ordination of the Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, we now have four priests and one Deacon, and with the services of the Bishop and the assistance of two catechists, these are taking care of the six organized Missions together with five Mission Stations where regular services are maintained. It is to be hoped that others will soon volunteer to fill these vacant places.

SAN JUAN.—The Rev. F. A. Warden has for six years been filling the place as Rector of St. John the Baptist's in this city. Besides the Church in the city where the regular services are held, Mr. Warden is supplying St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra, together with the outlying stations of The Annunciation and St. Paul's. In this work he is assisted by a Catechist who is able to hold the services in both English and Spanish. There is too much work here for these men and we must have another Missionary at St. Luke's.

PONCE.—The Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt has been in charge of Holy Trinity Church since his ordination to the Diaconate last year. The Congregation which had been without a Pastor for some three years has gradually been collected together and several excellent business methods have been put into use.

The Missionary in charge here maintains regular services in Spanish at St. Luke's Hospital which are appreciated by the nurses, convalescents and visitors to the Hospital. Besides the work at Ponce regular services

have been held at Guanica Centrale which are very well attended by the Church people and other well wishers living in the vicinity. Holy Trinity is now on a good footing, having regained a great deal that had been lost, and I want to take this opportunity of publicly thanking Mr. Reinhardt for what he has done.

MAYAGUEZ.—The Rev. Leonard Read has been in charge of St. Andrew's Mission for the past two years. Services are held in the two languages and a large and well ordered Sunday School is the promising feature of the work. Credit must be given to Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt, an old and faithful communicant for his valuable assistance in the Sunday School. Mr. Monefeldt has translated into Spanish two grades of the Gwynne series of Sunday School lessons which I hope may be of great service in the Spanish speaking countries.

VIEQUES.—Since Mr. Read went to Mayaguez, Vieques has divided with Fajardo the services of the Priest resident at the latter place. Owing to the difficulties of transportation, this arrangement has not been altogether satisfactory, although Miss Davidson, with the assistance of a Lay Reader has managed to keep the Congregation together. The Church people there are largely from the British Islands and are devoted to the Church.

FAJARDO.—The Rev. Mr. Hendricks has been ill since my coming to Porto Rico, and has been absent from the field since April, during which time his place at Fajardo has been ably filled by Sr Enrique Cuervos, a devoted Lay Reader and Postulant for Holy Orders. There seem to be opportunities for the Church at this place and the ground is doubtless prepared for some aggressive work.

CAMPO ALEGRE.—This is a new work and one which is carried on entirely among the natives of the country on the private property of the Rev. John F. Droste. The work began as a Sunday School some two years ago and has naturally developed until in addition to the morning Sunday School, we have a well attended church service every Sunday evening. I had the pleasure on April 16, of laying the cornerstone for a stone chapel which Mr. Droste proposes to erect and turn over to the Church in Porto Rico.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Since the development of the Public Schools has made that work so efficient, the need of our parochial schools

has grown less and the policy has been to stop that work as the Public School is able to accomodate the children.

The two Schools in San Juan, at St. John's and St. Luke's have been greatly reduced and now each has only one teacher.

At Ponce the secondary grades of the School have been given up and only the primary and Kindergarten continued. It was considered wisest to do this and free Miss Cuddy for more aggressive work in visiting among the people of the Mission.

At Mayaguez however our School work is being carried on aggressively though with a greatly reduced number of children which was most necessary for the efficiency of the work.

Under Miss. McCollough with the assistance of the Misses Mellowes, Beauchamp and Castro, the School is doing excellent work scholastically, is a splendid spiritual influence in the Mission and the teachers are doing a most praiseworthy work in caring for certain orphans who have been committed to their charge.

INSTITUTIONAL WORK

The Physician in charge of St. Luke's Hospital will present his report to you of work accomplished.

The Hospital was reopened in March 1913 by Dr. Crossman with Miss Whitbeck as his only assistant. The work has been difficult and discouraging as the Physician was new to the community and the work had to recommend itself again to the people.

A large majority of the cases have been charity patients and while the amount of suffering which has been alleviated has been large, necessarily the financial returns have been small and the expense has slightly exceeded the income.

Miss. Whitbeck has resigned and returned to the States, and Miss. Etta L. Robbins an appointee of the Board has been appointed Superintendent with Miss. Leonora M. Kelton as her general assistant.

We hope that the 2nd. year will show great improvement in the number of pay patients using the Hospital whereby the treatment of charity patients will be accomplished without a deficit in the Treasury.

On the whole I think it is just to say that, while the situation of the work in Porto Rico is difficult, there is much that is encouraging. There is need however of great

faith and much enthusiasm if we are going to succeed in our work for God.

I think our policy for the present should be to work intensively, to strengthen what we have rather than to try to extend the work to other localities. The greatest need for the present is an increase in our working force. There is an immediate need of two more clergy who shall take up the work in the two vacant Missions. I ask the earnest prayers of all that God may lead men to volunteer.

And now to our methods of work. It is of prime importance that we should have a proper understanding of our relationship to the Missionary Society of the Church. We should not allow the fact that we are recipients of the bounty of this Society, to cause us to forget that we, as individuals, are members of the same, made so by our Baptism. Only as we are obedient to the last command of of Our Saviour Christ, can we be true Christians, and so the truth has been recognized that the Church to be Christian, must be Missionary, and that the Missionary Society is necessarily composed of all those who by Baptism have professed allegiance to Jesus Christ.

The Board of Missions is composed of fifty members, Bishops, Presbyters and Laymen, all elected by the Church, and therefore representative of the Church, your representatives in fact, entrusted with the work of carrying on the Missionary obligations of the Church.

Let us not think of the Board of Missions therefore, as an arbitrary body of men, arbitrarily determining the matters which vitally affect us, but rather let us regard them as our Representatives legislating for us in the matters relating to the Missionary work of the Church throughout the world And furtheremore, when the Board of Missions reports that they are facing a financial crisis in the form of a probable deficit, let us look upon that as our own problem and face the matter honestly and squarely, asking ourselves not what will the Board do about it, but «what will we do about it.» Such a condition we are facing at the present time and there is need of all the aid we can give. However, we know and the Board knows that money alone cannot win the victory for which our Lord waits, so there is also need of our earnest prayers that God may open our hearts and minds to a realization of our obligations in obedience to Our Lord's last command on the Mount of Ascension.

There is almost invariably found an innate opposition to the Missionary cause in Congregations which have

never been instructed on the subject. There seems to be a human selfishness which opposes gifts to Missions before one realizes that by this means he is aiding in bringing the Church's message to some hungry souls who have never known those blessings which he has always enjoyed.

I honestly believe the solution of the difficulty of the Missionary work of the Church lies in Missionary education. I would urge you to establish locally the Missionary organizations among the men as well as among the women of the Church.

Study classes taking some especial course in Missions each year are wonderfully effective in their influence. The Educational Department of the Board is only too glad to furnish information on the subject.

The Woman's Auxiliary which was established in Porto Rico as a Diocesan Branch, but which had been in abeyance for some time, has been reestablished and the effort is being made to arouse some enthusiasm in that connection. Branches are already established at St. John's, San Juan, Mayagüez, Vieques and a Junior Branch at Ponce.

It is a matter of interest to you that the Woman's Auxiliary may not be established in a Parish or Mission without the consent of the Rector or Missionary in charge of the same, and I may add that a Branch cannot succeed without the active support and assistance of the Rector.

There are also the Junior Branch and Little Helpers, both auxiliary to the Board of Missions with the threefold object of Prayer for, Education about and Gifts for Missions.

APPORTIONMENT.

When the Board makes the appropriation each year for the work throughout the world, the amount of the Budget is divided among the Dioceses and Missionary Districts by the fairest means possible and this amount called the «Apportionment», represents the very minimum expected of each as its share in the great extension work of the Church at home and abroad. All offerings except «Specials», whether Woman's Auxiliary, Sunday School or general offerings, count towards making up the amount of the apportionment of a Diocese or Missionary District. Taking this fact into consideration, I do not think that the amount of Porto Rico's Apportionment $189.00 adequately represents our ability to contribute toward

the expense of the great Missionary work of the Church. I may add here that the apportionment Committee has this year again reduced the amount to be asked from us, to $157.00. Doubtless, the Committee on Parochial reports will inform us on the subject of our Missionary offering for the past year and we will be able to judge as to the advisability of asking that our apportionment be increased.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS.

The most efficient means which has yet been found for raising the parochial apportionment is the Every Member Canvass and Duplex Envelope System. Many imagine that an increased Missionary offering must necessitate reduced receipts for current expenses. But the experience of the parishes which have faithfully tried the Every Member Canvass has been that many new subscribers have been found to both the Missionary offering and current expense, with a corresponding increase in offerings simply through a systematic canvass of the Congregation. Several of our Missions have already tried this system with encouraging results. I do not mean to say that results can be obtained through this system without work. There is much work in connection with its use but I believe that without exception it has proven time and energy well spent.

GENERAL CLERGY RELIEF FUND.

While discussing the subject of general offerings, I would call your attention to the General Clergy Relief Fund which is the Fund recognized by the General Convention for the relief of the aged and infirm Clergy and the widows and orphans of deceased Clergymen. All congregations are required by Canon to contribute annually to this fund and the most appropriate time for such an offering is Whitsunday or the Christmas season. I commend this subject to each of you for your attention.

RECORD OF SERVICES.

It should be the duty of every Clergyman to keep a faithful record of all services. I have found some indifference in regard to this matter and it is not possible without such record to form an idea as to the compara-

tive attendance upon the services of the Church nor to make a full report of the year's work in a Mission.

I wish also to call your attention to the report presented to the House of Bishops on the subject of «Communicants of the Church.» See Journal P. 316. Every confirmed member must be accounted for. No one can be stricken from the list except in case of death, excommunication or transfer to another Parish or Mission. The Clergyman in charge of a congregation is responsible for the Communicants, and the rights of a person as such cannot be arbitrarily denied him. We should be careful therefore to properly transfer communicants removing from our cures and send the due notification to the clergyman to whose cure the communicant goes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Perhaps the most important part of the work of the Church is the training of children. In most cases the only Church training a child may get is in the Sunday School and as this usually lasts only one hour including the service and singing of hymns, there is little opportunity for instruction.

The courses therefore should be most carefully and definitely mapped out and prepared that the greatest efficiency possible may be procured.

I would suggest that a Board of Religious Education be established by this Convocation to carefully consider the whole matter of Sunday School lesson material and the most important subject of the training of teachers. Opportunity should be taken by all who can do so, of attending one of the Sunday School Institutes held annually in the U. S. that the methods may be applied to our conditions.

Translations of the Sunday School material into Spanish are most necessary and I hope that in the near future another grade of the Gwynne series will be available for use.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE FIRST PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

We have before us the duty of electing delegates to the first Synod of the 2nd Province which is to be held at

Brooklyn on the 27th of October in this year. I hope very much that this District may be represented there.

PROPOSED CANONICAL CHANGES.

There are also certain notices from the Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention, of proposed changes in the Canons which this Convocation may consider at its convenience.

HAITI.

At the last General Convention, the House of Bishops accepted the cession of territory comprised in the Republic of Haiti from the Orthodox Apostolic Church in Haiti and constituted it a Missionary District, at the same time placing it under the Episcopal Supervision of the Bishop of Porto Rico.

I have made one visit to that Missionary District and while there, canonically transferred thirteen Clergy to the Missionary District of Haiti and ordained one Deacon to the Priesthood. I held Confirmation at nine Stations confirming in all 219 candidates.

I shall be obliged to visit Haiti several times each year, and owing to the inconvenience of travel between the Islands will consume from four to six weeks on each trip. I ask your indulgence under that necessity and trust that my absence from Porto Rico will not inconvenience our work.

TREASURER.

Heretofore it seems to have been the custom to make a combination of the two offices of Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society for Porto Rico and the Treasurer of this Convocation.

It is my desire to separate these offices and to elect a Treasurer of the Convocation in accordance with Article III of our Constitution, who shall receive from the various Missions all offerings taken in accordance with Canon 7, of this District.

I will also ask that the offerings máde at the official visitations of the Bishop be sent to the Treasurer of the Convocation to be used for the purpose of extending the Mission work in Porto Rico.

Finally my Brethren let me urge it upon you to go about your work with enthusiasm and faith in God. Remember that this is not your work but God's and that

if is not as large as you think it should be, you are not therefore to be discouraged but rather to make sure that your part of the work has been faithfully done and then trust God for the increase.

Since coming to this work in January, I have attended to the correspondence of my office, visited all the Missions of our Church, baptized two infants. confirmed thirty persons, laid the cornerstone for one chapel, issued four Lay Reader's licenses, admitted one Postulant, suspended for six months one Priest and spent six weeks in Haiti. I pray God that He will greatly bless our deliberations and that we may seriously undertake the work before us.

APPENDIX II.

BISHOP'S DIARY.

Dec. 17, 1913.

9: a. m. Attended Morning Prayer in All Saints Chapel, Sewanee Tenn.
10: a. m. I was consecrated Bishop of the Missionary District of Porto Rico, the Most Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, Presiding. The Right Rev. Thomas F. Gailor and the Right Rev. Wm. A. Guerry were the Co-consecrators, the Right Rev. Albion W. Knight the preacher and the Right Rev. Edwin G. Weed and the Right Rev. James H. VanBuren the Presenters. The Ven. Wm. P. DuBose and the Rev. J. H. Swann acted as Attending Presbyters.
3.30 p. m. Held conference with Bishop Knight and Archdeacon Nichols.
8. p. m. Attended reception given by the University in honor of Mrs. Colmore and myself.

18. 7. a. m. Celebrated the Holy Communion at St. Luke's Memorial Chapel Sewanee, Archdeacon Nichols assisting.
9. a. m. Again conferred with Bishop Knight and Archdeacon Nichols.

21. 10. a. m. Visited the Mission of Our Savior, which I established in 1901, celebrated the Holy Communion and made address.
7.30 p. m. Attended Evening Prayer at the Otey Memorial Church, Sewanee.

25. 10. a. m. Preached the Sermon at the Xmas services at Otey Memorial Church.

28. 7. a. m. Attended Holy Communion at the Hodgson Emerald Hospital.
10.30 a. m. Morning Prayer at Otey Memorial Church.

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10 a. m. Attended Service at Otey Memorial Church.

3. Left Sewanee for Chattanooga, Tenn.

4. Celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Chattanooga at 7.30 a. m. and made address.
10 a. m. Addressed Sunday School and at 10.30 addressed Men's Bible Class.
11 a. m. Assisted at Celebration of Holy Communion and preached.
7.30 p. m. Attended Evening Prayer and preached at Christ Church, Chattanooga.
5. 8. a m. Celebrated Holy Communion at Christ Church, Chattanooga.
6-9. Engaged with correspondence and packing.
10. Went to Nashville, Tenn.
11. 7.30 a. m. Celebrated Holy Communion at Christ Church.
11 a. m. Attended Morning Prayer and preached.
7.30 p. m. Attended Evening Prayer and preached at St. Anne's Church.
12. Returned to Sewanee.
13. Left at 3 p. m. for New York in company with my family.
15. Arrived New York 7 a. m.
10 a. m. Celebrated Holy Communion in Chapel of Church Missions House. Made short address before meeting of Diocesan officers of Womans Auxiliary.
16. In conference at Missions House with Mr. John W. Wood, Rev. R. S. Nichols and Miss Kelton.
17. Conferred with Bishop Lloyd and later sailed with family for Porto Rico.
21. Arrived in San Juan 5.30 p. m. and we were taken to our temporary quarters.
25. 8 a. m. Celebrated the Holy Communion at St. John's Church, San Juan;
Attended Morning Prayer and preached at 10:30.
At 2:30 p. m. attended Sunday School at St. Luke's Church and addressed the children in Spanish. At 4 p. m. attended Evening Prayer and preached in English.
Attended Evening Prayer in Spanish at 7:30 p. m. Rev. José Sanz preaching the sermon.
26. Paid call on Governor Yager at the Palace. 9 p. m. Attended a large reception given at the Hotel Eureka in honor of Mrs. Colmore and myself.
27. Held conference with Rev. F. A. Warden at St. John's Church. At 8 p. m. attended reception at

St. Luke's Parish House in honor of Mrs. Colmore and myself, and made an address.

28. Held conference with Mr. L. A. Harkness, Treasurer of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society for Porto Rico.

30. Attended reception at the Methodist Church given in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Bristol.

Feb. 1. Assisted at the Celebration of the Holy Communion at St. John's Church San Juan and preached at 10.30 a. m. Attended Sunday School at the Annunciation Mission and made address at 3:30 p. m. Attended Evening Prayer at St. Luke's 7:30 p. m. and preached in Spanish.

4. Moved to my house at No. 17 Wilson Ave.

5. Attended meeting of the Vestry of St. John's parish and outlined the methods of the «every member canvass» and the «duplex envelope» system. Was much gratified that they decided to adopt it.

6. Left for Ponce by automobile and was greatly impressed by the scenery. Attended Litany service at 8:30 p. m.

7. Paid several calls. Conferred with Rev. P. R. Reinhardt and examined the records of the Mission. Visited St. Luke's Hospital and conferred for three hours with Dr. Crossman.

8. 7: a. m. Celebrated the Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Church. 9: a. m. attended Sunday School and made short address. 10: a. m. Celebrated the Holy Communion and preached. 2: p. m. attended Evening Prayer at St. Lukes Hospital and made address in Spanish.
3:30 p. m. went to Guanica Central in automobile. 8: p. m. attended Evening Prayer read by Mr. Reinhardt at Y. M. C. A. club house, and preached.

9. 6: a. m. Celebrated the Holy Communion at Guanica club house. Left for Mayaguez. 10:30 a. m. visited St. Andrew's School and conferred with the Rev. L. Read. 7:30 p. m. attended Evening Prayer, baptized one infant and preached in English.

10. 5:45. a. m. Returned to Ponce. In conference with Director of the Hospital. 4:30 p. m. baptized infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Crossman. 8: p. m. attended reception at the Rectory.

11. Returned to San Juan. 4: p. m. met Misses Robbins, Kelton and Palmer, who arrived on the Brazos.
12. Visited Rev. W. E. Hendricks who has been ill at the Presbyterian Hospital for some days.
13. Left by 7.20 train for Campo Alegre. Attended Sunday School at home of Rev. J. F. Droste at 10 a. m. and made short address. Celebrated Holy Communion at 11 a. m. Attended Evening Prayer and preached in Spanish at 7.15 p. m.
16. Returned to San Juan.
18. Visited Rev. Mr. Hendricks at Hospital.
20. Visited home of Mr. Lionel Parker at Bayamon and conferred with him about the Spiritual conditions in his district.
21. Left for Mayaguez in company with Mrs. Colmore. 4 p. m. Attended reception at the Mission.
22 Celebrated Holy Communion St. Andrew's Chapel at 7.30 a. m. Attended Sunday School at 9.30. Attended Morning Prayer, celebrated Holy Communion and preached at 10.30. At 7.30 p. m. attended Evening Prayer and preached in Spanish.
23 5.45 a. m. left for Ponce. Held conference with Physician and workers at Hospital, arranging the work temporarily. 8.30 p. m. attended informal reception at Holy Trinity Rectory.
24. Arrived in San Juan. Visited Rev. Mr. Hendricks at Hospital. 9:30 p. m. alarm of fire was given and for two hours our house was in danger. Our servant's rooms and four dwellings were burned.
25. Spent morning in arranging house after the confusion of the night before. Attended Evening Prayer at St. John's Church.
26. Consulted with Judge Savage. the Chancellor of the District. Attended Evening Prayer.
28. Held conference with Miss Romañat, teacher at St. John's School.

Mar. 1. Read Litany and celebrated Holy Communion at St. John's Church, the Rev. Mr. Warden preached. Visited St. Paul's Spanish Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. and preached at the English Service at 7.30 p. m.
3. Attended Evening Prayer at St. John's.
4. " " " "
6. " " " and preached.

8. Attended Morning Prayer (in Spanish) at St. Luke's Church at 9. a. m. also Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at St. John's at 10.30. Conducted Sunday School at the Annunciation Mission at 3.30 p. m.
11. Attended Evening Prayer at St. John's. Appointed Camille Estornell, as Catechist to assist in Mission work in San Juan.
12. Evening Prayer at St. John's. Conferred with Rev. José Sanz in evening.
Gave canonical consent to consecration of Rev. Wm. T. Capers as Bishop Coadjutor of West Texas.
13. Left home for Ponce by auto. 2.30 p. m. Held conference with Dr. Crossman at Hospital.
14. Attended Morning Prayer at Holy Trinity at 10 a. m. Conferred with Dr. Crossman and Mr. Nelson in regard to building of Doctor's residence at Hospital.
15. Celebrated Holy Communion at Holy Trinity at 7 a. m. Attended Sunday School at 9. Read Morning Prayer and Litany, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Reinhardt, and preached. Read Evening Prayer and preached in Spanish at St. Luke's Chapel at 3.30 p. m. Took part in Evening Prayer and preached at Holy Trinity at 8 p. m.
16. Attended Morning Prayer at 10 a. m. Conferred with Drs. Crossman and Mayoral at Hospital.
17. Left Ponce for Mayaguez. Conferred with Rev. Leonard Read and Miss. McCollough. Read Evening Prayer at 7.30. Held informal meeting of several members of the Congregation on subject of subscriptions for current expenses.
18. Read Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's at 8.15. Left for San Juan.
19. Busy with correspondence.
21. Left for Vieques. Met Rev. Mr. Hendricks at Fajardo and conferred with him.
22. Celebrated Holy Communion at All Saints, Vieques at 7.30 a. m. Attended Sunday School and and made address. 11 a. m. Read Morning Prayer and preached. 7.30 p. m. Read Evening Prayer and preached. Confirmed four persons and addressed them.
23. Left for San Juan. Again conferred with Mr. Hendricks at Fajardo.

24. Consulted with Rev. Messrs. F. A. Warden and José Sanz.
25. Conferred with Mr. Harkness, Dr. Crossman, Miss Whitbeck and Judge Savage. Attended Evening Prayer at St. John's at 4.30. Attended Evening Prayer at Annunciation Mission and made address in Spanish at 8 p. m.
26. Left for Fajardo, accompanied by Sr. Enrique Cuervos. 7.20 p. m. attended Evening Prayer and preached. Confirmed two persons, admitted seven on confession of faith and addressed the candidates.
27. Conferred with Mr. Hendricks. Left for San Juan. Attended Evening Prayer at 8.30 p. m.
28. Saw Rev. Mr. Hendricks and family off on steamer «Philadelphia.»
29. Attended Morning Prayer at 10.30 at St. John's. Confirmed five candidates and addressed them.
30. Admitted Sr. Enrique Cuervos as Postulant. Renewed his Lay Reader's license for one year.
31. Attended Evening Prayer at St. John's.

Apr. 1.

Employed Miss Milgate as nurse for St. Luke's Hospital for one month.
Attended Evening Prayer at St. John's.

3. Attended closing exercises of Blanche Kellogg Institute and offered prayers. Attended Evening Prayer at St. John's.
5. Attended Morning Prayer at St. John's, preached and celebrated the Holy Eucharist. In the afternoon attended Sunday School and taught a class.
6. Attended Evening Prayer at St. John's and afterward conferred with the Rector.
7. 3 p. m. attended a meeting called by the Rector of St. John's for organization of a local branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. Made an address on the purpose and aim of the Auxiliary. Attended Evening Prayer at 4.30.
8. Conferred with Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth who consented to act as Treasurer for the remainder of the fiscal year in place of Mr. Harkness who had resigned on account of his departure from Porto Rico. Left home for Ponce.
9. Celebrated the Holy Eucharist at Holy Trinity at 10 a. m. Called on Miss Cuddy. Spent the afternoon with Dr. Crossman.

10. Good Friday. Attended Morning Prayer at 10 a. m. and read the Ante Communion service. Took the meditations at the «Three Hours» service.
11. 2 p. m. Met with the various ministers of Ponce urging them to cooperate in the work of the Hospital. Appointed Miss Robbins Superintendent. Attended Evening Prayer, made address and held short service of preparation for Holy Communion.
12. Easter Day. Celebrated the Holy Eucharist at 6 a. m. and later took the Sacrament to two sick people. Attended Sunday School at 9 a. m. 10 a. m. Confirmed four candidates and addressed them, celebrated the Holy Eucharist and preached. Left Ponce at 2 p. m. for Guanica. Attended Evening Prayer at Guanica Club House, confirmed three persons and preached.
13. Celebrated the Holy Communion at Guanica at 6 a. m. and left at 8 a. m. for Mayaguez.
14. Took part in service of Morning Prayer at St. Andrew's Mission. Left for San Juan.
16. Left at 7.30 a. m. for Campo Alegre. Celebrated the Holy Communion at a private house. At 3.30 p. m. laid corner stone of Chapel of the Resurrection. Rev. Mr. Droste and I made addresses in Spanish. 7.30 attended Evening Prayer and preached in the «Rancho» to 150 people.
17. Left for San Juan at 6.55 a. m.
19. Suffering with Malaria so remained at home consulting my Physician.
Made address at Y. M. C. A. in the evening.
20. Remained in bed for three days.
26. Attended Morning Prayer at St. John's. 4 p. m. Attended Evening Prayer at St. Luke's, confirmed four persons and addressed them and preached.
27. Left at 8 a. m. for Aguas Buenas, arranged for vacating house which had been occupied as a Mission and stored the furniture. Visited the Public School in Caguas and made address to the children.
28. 8.15 p. m. Attended a wedding at St. Luke's Church and pronounced the Benediction. Confirmed one person presented by the Rev. Mr. Warden.
20. Conferred with Miss Whitbeck and accepted her resignation as a member of the Missionary staff of Porto Rico. Conferred in evening with Rev. José Sanz and took action on his formal renun-

ciation of the Ministry, pronouncing Sentence of Suspension for six months.

May 1.

Conferred with Mr. Waymouth. Attended dinner at the Governor's Palace given in honor of Mrs. Colmore and myself.

3. Celebrated the Holy Eucharist at St. Luke's at 9 a. m. in Spanish. Read Litany, celebrated the Eucharist and preached in English at St. John's. Went to St. Luke's for Evening service at 4 p. m. but the rain had kept the Congregation away.

May 4. to June 10. On trip to Haiti.

APPENDIX III.

WRITTEN REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

REPORT OF MISS. FRANCES CUDDY, PONCE.

Ponce, Porto Rico. June 15, 1914.

Holy Trinity School opened Sept. 22, 1913, with 23 children in the Primary School and 23 in the Kindergarten class.

In January the primary school was overcrowded with forty five children and on the first of March twenty pupils were promoted to the third grade and sent to the Public School. School closed June 12th with 40 children, 23 of whom have registered for Public school, leaving 17 in the Kindergarten.

This year, all children who could afford it have paid a nominal fee of 5 cents a week, averaging a little over seven dollars a month.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Cuddy, Teacher.

MISSION OF THE TRANSFIGURATION.

W. E. HENDRICKS, MISSIONARY.

During the time in which I have been privileged to establish and carry on the work entrusted to me. two years and nine months, I have officiated wholly or in part at 195 services including the administrations of the Holy Eucharist. The difficulties attending our efforts have not been without the bounds of those usually experienced in pioneer work. Yet the cordiality with which our plan was received can only be measured by the abiding interest in behalf of the services of the Church.

Without any attempt to proselyte at the sacrifice of other religious bodies, I have taken the positive rather than the negative method of presentation; the key of our success, even among the Romans who today regard us as friends and not foes. For the past year, however, the

work was interrupted by my additional charge of All Saints, Vieques. This divided time, rather than interest, weakened our attendance considerably and might have eventually proven disastrous but continuing in true spirit and in love, the Lord Himself who builded the House suffered not our labours to be in vain, showering blessings when most needed.

Early in our history, a school in behalf of the Mission was established wholly on my own resources, but the personal sacrifices grew too much in the light of my other financial obligations and after ten months of good work we regrettingly had to drop what would have been, to my mind, seed for greater things. I feel positive that the experimental stage of the work has long passed and the greatest stumbling block today in the way of progress is the lack of a suitable church building.

Report of Miss. Sarah R. Davidson, Vieques.

In the three years that have passed since the last convocation, we have had several changes in Vieques, but work continues on the same lines as in previous years.

The congregation remains about the same. A few new members are added, but they do not more than make up for those lost by removal or death.

Four have been confirmed, and several have returned to Vieques after long absence. Seven have died.

The classes forgirls have grown. Seventy four names are on the roll, and five boys. All are expected to attend the Sunday School, but the attendance seldom reaches more than half that number.

The class for sewing and embroidery is very much liked. It meets on Saturday mornings and about forty were working during the year. I have to refuse many as it is impossible for one person to teach so many. It would seem natural to think I could find helpers among those who have been coming to the class for years but the poorer ones all go out to work, and often away from Vieques and others go away to school or marry. There are some who may be useful soon.

She smaller children are divided into two classes, and meet Wednesday and Friday afternoons, after school hours for a sort of Kindergarten.

The Womans Auxiliary has fifteen members and occasional visitors at the meetings. Times have been hard in

Vieques and work scarce and poorly paid and the amount sent to the Triennial offering was small; $12.45.

The apportionment of $15.00 was raised and sent soon after Easter.

The Bishop visited Vieques March 22. Celebrated the Holy Communion; preached at Matins and held Confirmation in the evening. This celebration of the Holy Eucharist is the only one we have had since the 11th of January. All the other services have been held as usual. One of the men of the choir helps me on Sundays. We had services daily except Saturdays, in Lent, and on Wednesdays and Holy Days at other times.

I have done what I could to keep the buildings in order and the Board of Missions appropiated $72.00 to paint the church, but the wooden balcony in the rear of the parish building is much out of repair and for the preservation of the property needs immediate attention.

The people are too poor to be expected to do any things towards it. The Sunday offerings do not pay the small weekly expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah R. Davidson.

REPORT OF CATECHIST ENRIQUE CUERVOS. (TRANSLATION)

My work since the last Convocation held during the Episcopate of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Van Buren has been in the city of Mayaguez, at the Reformatory School, and lastly in Fajardo.

MAYAGUEZ.

In this city for a time I held the services of Morning and Evening Prayer and Sunday School every Sunday as well as the services of Evening Prayer and Litany on Wednesdays and Fridays assisted by our faithful Lay Reader Mr. Monefeldt who sacrifices himself and works gratuitously and ceaselessly in spite of his many years and physical weakness. I also held daily Morning Prayer for the children of the parish school except on Saturdays, until the Rev. Leonard Read came, and I then worked under his direction. I have also baptized various children and held various funerals which are duly registered in the parish Register.

REFORMATORY SCHOOL.

Almost as soon as I arrived in Mayaguez I began to think about the poor boys in the Reformatory School. The government, to be sure, has done all in its power for the development of the physical and mental side of these boys but almost nothing for the welfare of their souls. They know that they are practically prisoners until they shall be twenty one years old because they have been guilty of certain sins which the law of the land punishes. My interest was increased when I learned that they were to be removed from the provisional quarters provided in the city of Mayaguez to a country farm about three miles away. The place is practically a desert. The absence of neighbors, the scarcity of vegetation on account of the lack of water, makes the place practically as desolate as a desert Island.

The Reformatory having been removed I tried to find out if any provision had been made for the spiritual welfare of those poor sheep but I was quite surprised to find out that not one of the many ministers of Mayaguez was in the habit of visiting the Reformatory.

I therefore solicited permission to hold services in the institution, said permission being granted. The authorities helped me much in the work. I was requested to limit myself to the preaching of Christian morality. Of course I made use of the Prayer Book. Once I was quite suprised at the following incident. One day the President of the institution being surprised that most of the inmates were preparing for attendance at the service he told them that only such as believed in our form of religion were expected to attend. The whole school attended service, in that manner showing that they were desirous of taking advantage of the only services provided.

Some time after that the Roman Catholic Parish Priest of Cabo Rojo began to visit the institution but his visits were limited to three.

The Adventists also made a few visits but soon got tired.

FAJARDO.

My work in Fajardo was for two and a half months while the Missionary in charge was having his vacation.

The work there was practically the same as the work done in Mayaguez. I baptized one child in articulo mortis.

Respectfully submitted,

Enrique Cnervos.

REPORT OF THE REV. JOHN F. DROSTE; EL COTO, MANATI.

I began work at El Coto on April 20, 1913. Since then I have held 75 services on Sunday evenings. Twice I was absent to assist the Rev. F. A. Warden, as curate of St. Johns, being appointed as such by the Rt. Rev. Albion W. Knight in Oct. 1913.

Aug. 24th I started also a Sunday School. 25 pupils were present. Now 96 are on the roll. The highest attendance was June 7th. when 71 were present.

The average attendance at the evening services has been 50. During Lent I started services on Wednesday and Friday nights. These weekday services have been continued by request. The average attendance is 36.

The 23d. of Feb. we were honored by a visit of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Colmore and also on April 16th. on the occasion of the laying of the cornerstone for a Chapel. The services are held in the packingshed but I hope to have the chapel by the close of this year. The Sunday School sent as a Lenten offering $5.95 to the Board of Missions. No collections were taken at the services until after the corner stone was laid. What ever they contribute will go towards furniture for the chapel.

John F. Droste.

APPENDIX V.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CONVOCATION OF PORTO RICO.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FIRST DAY OF THE CONVOCATION.

1. At 8.30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.
2. At the conclusion of the Holy Communion, the Bishop shall take the Chair and call the Convocation to order.
3. Election of a Secretary by ballot.
4. Roll call by the Secretary, the list to be provided by the Bishop.
5. Appointment by the Bishop of a Committee on Qualifications, to whom shall be referred any questions touching membership. Undisputed names and credentials to be acted on at once without debate. Questions raised or referred to the Convocation by the Committee on Qualifications to be laid aside temporarily.
6. A constitutional quorum being present, in both orders, the President shall declare the Convocation organized for business.
7. The President shall announce the appointment of the following:

(*a*) The Chancellor.
(*b*) A Committee on the Admission of new Parishes and Missions, to consist of one clergyman and one layman.
(*c*) The Committee on Finance, to consist of the Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.
(*d*) A Committee on Unfinished Business.
(*e*) A Committee on Nominations.
(*f*) The Standing Committee.
(*g*) The Auditing Committee of three.

8. The receiving and referring of papers relating to the admission of new Parishes and Missions.
9. Report of Committee on Qualifications temporarily laid aside. Action to be taken immediately after discussion.

10. Presentation of any subject that is to be referred without debate, to special committees for their subsequent report.

11. At 2.30 p. m. the Elections of Officers and Committees, the Committee on Nominations having their report ready to offer, and the election to follow immediately, other nominations being always in order. The President shall announce what elections are to follow, viz:

(*a*) Treasurer.
(*b*) Registrar.
(*c*) Delegates to the General Convention (in Convention years.)
(*d*) Committee on Constitution and Canons (see Canon 13), to consist of two clergymen and one layman.
(*e*) Committee of three members, on the creation and increase of the fund for support of a bishop.
(*f*) Other elections, if there are any.

12. At three o'clock the Bishop's Annual Address, unless he shall prefer some other time.

13. Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.

14. Reports and action on them, as follows:

(*a*) By the Treasurer.
(*b*) By the Registrar.
(*c*) By the President of the Standing Committee.
(*d*) By the Chancellor.
(*e*) By the Committee on Episcopal Support.
(*f*) By the Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.
(*g*) By any other Officer or Committee of the Convocation.

15. Miscellaneous business.

16. Adjournment to the second day.

ORDER OF BUSINESS SECOND DAY OF CONVOCATION.

17. Morning Prayer at 8.30 a. m., by appointment of the Bishop.

18. Reading of the Minutes of the preceeding day, and action on them.

19. The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjournment the day before, if any.

20. Reports from the several Missionaries, the Teachers, and other workers in the several parts of the Dis-

trict; each to occupy not more than ten minutes, unless by vote of the Convocation extending the time. These reports may be verbal or written, and shall be called for by the President of the Convocation.

21. Reports of any special committees on matters referred to them during the session.

22. At 2.30 p. m., miscellaneous business.

23. Reading of the minutes, action on them, and after Prayers and Benediction, by the President, adjournment without day, unless another day is necessary for finishing the business. In that case the above shall be the order.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. The usual courtesies of parliamentary observance shall govern at all times.

II. No person shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convocation, nor more than once until others desiring to speak shall have spoken; but the mover of a resolution shall have the privilege of closing the debate.

III. All special committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise specified in the motion calling for appointment of the committee.

IV. No motion shall be entertained unless and until reduced to writing, and seconded by another than the mover, and handed to the Secretary, with the mover's name appended.

V. When a question is before the Convocation, it shall be in order

(*a*) To lay on the table.
(*b*) To postpone to a fixed time.
(*c*) To postpone indefinitely.
(*d*) To limit debate by taking a vote at a fixed time, or by a vote determining the time alloved for each speaker.
(*e*) To commit.
(*f*) To amend.

Motions for any of these proceedings shall be in the order of precedence as named, and a question on any of these shall be decided before the original motion, which shall then be put as altered or not.

VI. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are proposed. A motion amending an amendment may be entertained, but no second amendment to an amendment can be entertained. A substitute for the whole may be received and acted upon, provided the substitute be on the same subject.

VII. A motion to lay on the table is to be taken at once without debate.

VIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

IX. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convocation, in which case a majority or a tie shall sustain the President's decision.

X. With the consent of the Convocation, the mover may at any time withdraw a motion which has not been put on its passage, in which case it shall not appear upon the Minutes.

XI. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

XII. A motion to reconsider may be made by one who has voted in the majority on its passage, but such motion can be carried only by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

XIII. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convocation may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

XIV. In a vote by Orders, if the delegates from a parish or mission are equally divided, the vote shall be cast, and marked "divided". And such vote shall not be considered as affecting the decision of the question one way or the other.

XV. A constitutional quorum consists of one-third of each Order, or representatives from a majority of the parishes or organized missions of the Convocation. Such quorum is necessary for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

XVI. All elections shall be by ballot.

XVII. For the suspension of the Rules of Order, or for the change of the Order of Business, the consent of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting shall be necessary.

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THE MISSIONARY STAFF

Bishop.

The Right Rev. Charles Blayney Colmore, D. D.

Priests.

The Rev. Leonard Read.
The Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt.
The Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe, B. D.
The Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout, M. A.
The Rev. Johan F. Droste.

Deacon.

The Rev. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán.

Lay Readers, Licensed.

Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt.
Mr. Camille Estornel.
Mr. George William Waymouth.
Mr. Henry Butler Moore.
Mr. José Flores.
Mr. Esteban Reus García.

Native Catechist.

Mr. Camille Estornel.

Parish Helpers.

Miss Sarah R. Davidson,	Vieques.
Mrs. Carmen Reus,	Puerta de Tierra.
Miss J. A. C. Jackson,	Puerta de Tierra.

Teachers.

Miss Frances Cuddy,	Ponce.
Miss E. H. McCullough,	Mayaguez.
Miss Iva M. Woodruff,	Ponce.
Miss Dolores Romañat,	San Juan.
Miss Isabel Beauchamp,	Mayaguez.
Miss Amanda Castro,	Mayaguez.
Miss Irene Brown,	Puerta de Tierra.

St. Luke's Memorial Hospital, Ponce.

Medical Director,	Lyman Weeks Crossman, M. D.
Superintendent,	Miss Etta L. Robbins, G. N.
Housekeeper,	Miss Clotilde Rodríguez, G. N.
Assistant,	Miss Francisca Jimenez, G. N.
Assistant,	Miss Isabel Marquez, G. N.
Chaplain,	Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout.

Staff of Physicians.

F. Suarez, M. D.
L. W. Crossman, M. D.
Victor Lopez-Nussa, M. D.
J. M. Suarez, M. D.
Antonio Mayoral, M. D.
D. Perez Marchand, M. D.
J. W. Kenney, M. D.
W. F. Lippitt, M. D.
Agustín Pietri, M. D.

Board of Advisors.

Mr. R. H. Allen, President.
Mr. Jorge Armstrong.
Mr. H. E. Gates, Secretary.
Mr. Francisco Parra.
Mr. Carlos Ortiz.
Mr. J. N. Torruella.
Mr. Felix Sauri.

In the Training School there are at the present time twelve Pupil Nurses.

COMMITTEES.

Constitution and Canons.

The Chancellor.
Rev. Leonard Read.
Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe.

Finance.

The Bishop.
The Treasurer.
Mr. H. B. Moore.

Episcopal Support.

Mr. R. S. Swiggett.
Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt.
The Treasurer.

Committee on Religious Education and Literature.

The Bishop.
Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout.
Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe.
Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt.
Mr. H. B. Moore.
Mrs. Mary Droste.

State of the Church.

Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwoout.
Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt.
Mr. R. S. Swiggett.
Miss E. L. Robbins.

New Parishes and Missions.

Rev. Johan F. Droste.
Mr. Jesus Reus.

PARISHES AND MISSIONS.

	San Juan	St. John the Baptist.
*	Puerta de Tierra	St. Luke's.
	Santurce, Park	Annunciation.
*	Santurce, Cerra	St. Paul's.
*	Mayaguez	St. Andrew's.
*	Ponce	Holy Trinity.
	Ponce	St. Luke's Hospital.
	Guanica Centrale	
*	Vieques	All Saints.
*	El Coto	The Resurrection.
	Fajardo	The Transfiguration.

* The Missions marked with an asterisk have two congregations, one English speaking and the other Spanish.

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CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.
SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.
MAY 11, 1915.

The Ninth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico assembled on Tuesday, May 11th. at 9:00 A.M. in the Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan. The opening service was the Celebration of the Holy Communion by the Bishop. At this service the Bishop delivered his address to the convocation. (See Appendix 1.)

At 10:30 A. M. the convocation was called to order with Bishop Colmore in the chair.

The Secretary called the roll of the Clergy canonically resident in the District as furnished by the Bishop, all of whom were present.

1. Rev. Leonard Read.
2. Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt.
3. Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe.
4. Rev. Johan F. Droste.
5. Rev. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán.
6. Rt. Rev. Charles B. Colmore, Bishop.

Officiating under license of the Bishop.

7. Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout.

Certified this tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifteen.

(Signed.) *CHAS B. COLMORE,*
Bishop.

The Chairman appointed the following committee on qualifications.

Rev. Leornard Read.
Mr. Thomas E. Seaton.

The roll of Lay Delegates was then called.

Mr. Jesús Reus -- -- -- -- St. Luke's Puerta de Tierra.
Mr. Thomas E. Seaton -- - St. Luke's Puerta de Tierra.
Mr. R. S. Swiggett -- -- -- St. John's Church, San Juan.
Mr. H. B. Moore -- -- -- -- St. John's Church, San Juan.
Miss S. R. Davidson-- -- -- - All Saints, Vieques.

A quorum being present, the Convocation was declared organized for business.

On motion the rules of order were suspended.

The Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe moved that the full priveleges of the convocation be extended to the Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout of Ponce. Seconded and carried.

The chair declared the election of Secretary to be in order. The Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout and the Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe were nominated. Ballots were cast and the chair announced that the Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe was duly elected Secretary.

The Chairman announced the following appointments in accordance with the constitution and canons.

Chancellor.

Hon. José R. F. Savage.

Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.

Rev. Johan F. Droste. Mr. Jesus Reus.

Committee on Finance.

The Bishop. Captain E. J. Griffith. Mr. H. B. Moore.

Committee on Unfinished business.

Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt. Mr. Thos. E. Seaton.

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe. Rev. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán.

Council of Advice.

Rev. Leonard Read. Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout
Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth. Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

Auditing Committee.

Mr. R. S. Swiggett. Mr. A. D. Macgillivray.
Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe.

The Rev. Leonard Read offered a resolution on social service. Referred to the Rev. Mr. Read as a committee of one to report on same.

The Rev. Mr. Haughwout moved that a committee of three be appointed to consider the matter of the Sunday School Auxiliary recommended in the Bishop's address.

The Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe offered a substitute that the Bishop's address be referred to a committee of three to consider and report on the recommendations contained therein. Accepted and carried.

The Rev. Johan F. Droste made a verbal application for the admission of the mission of the Resurrection, El Coto, as an organized mission. Referred to the committee on the admission of new parishes and missions.

The chairman appointed the following committee to consider and report on the Bishop's address.

Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe
Rev. Johan F. Droste
Mr. H. B. Moore.

The Chairman appointed the following committee on the State of the Church.

Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout
Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt
Mr. R. S. Swiggett.

On motion of the Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout, the full priveleges of the convocation were extended to the Rev. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán.

On motion the convocation took recess until 2:30 P.M.

Afternoon session, May 11, 1915.

The convocation was called to order at 2:30 P. M. the Bishop in the chair.

The report of the committee on qualifications was called for. No report.

The Chair called for the report of the committee on nominations, which submitted the following report.

Your committee on nominations recommends the following for the offices named.

Treasurer of the Convocation, Capt. Edwin J. Griffith. Registrar of the District, Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe.

Committee on Constitution and Canons, Hon. José R. F. Savage, Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout, and Rev. Leonard Read.

Committee on Episcopal Support., Mr. R. S. Swiggett, Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, and Capt. E. J. Griffith.

Delegates to the Provincial Synod of the Province of New York and New Jersey.

The Rev. Messrs. Reinhardt, Droste, Haughwout, and Read, and Messrs. R. S. Swiggett, H. B. Moore, H. C. Vedder, and Capt. E. J. Griffith.

On motion of the Rev. Leonard Read, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Capt. E. J. Griffith for Treasurer. The ballot was cast and Capt. E. J. Griffith declared elected Treasurer.

The Rev. Mr. Read moved that the Chair be instructed to cast the ballot for the Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe for Registrar of the District. Carried. The ballot was cast and the Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe declared elected.

The Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout nominated the Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe for the Committee on constitution and Canons in addition to those reported by the committee. The Chair appointed the Rev. Johan F. Droste teller. Ballots were cast and the following declared elected the committee on Constitution and Canons

Hon. José R. F. Savage,
Rev. Leonard Read,
Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe.

The Rev. Mr. Haughwout moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for Mr. R. S Swiggett, Rev. P. R. R.

Reinhardt, and Capt. E. J. Griffith for Committee on Episcopal Support. Seconded and carried. The ballot was cast and the committee declared elected.

The Rev. Mr. Reinhardt moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for the delegates to the Provincial Synod of the Province of New York and New Jersey as recommended by the committee on nominations. Seconded and carried. The ballot was cast and the following declared elected.

Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt.	Mr. R. S. Swiggett.
Rev. Johan F. Droste.	Mr. H. B. Moore.
Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout.	Mr. H. C. Vedder.
Rev. Leonard Read.	Capt. E. J. Griffith.

The chair called for the Treasurer's report. The treasurer being absent there was no report.

The Registrar's report was called for. The former Registrar having left the District there was no report.

The Rev. Leonard Read, Secretary of the Council of Advice, submitted the following report.

To the Right Rev. Chas. B. Colmore, D. D.
Bishop of the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

Report of the Council of Advice.

Since last report, the Council of Advice has held several meetings to consider and report upon matters placed before it in connection with the Ordination to the Diaconate of the Rev. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán, and to the Order of the Priesthood, the Rev. Johan F. Droste, who were both duly ordained on the 26th., day of January, 1915, in the Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan, Porto Rico.

The resignation of the Rev. F. A. Warden from this Missionary District has since the 31st. of March reduced our number.

There is no unfinished business at this time to report upon.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD READ,

Porto Rico, May 11, 1915.

The report was received and accepted.

The Committee on Episcopal Support reported that no meeting of the committee had been held during the past year.

The Rev. Leonard Read, chairman of the committee on qualifications, reported that Miss Etta L. Robbins had been appointed a lay delegate by the rector of Holy Trinity Church, Ponce, and entitled to seat and vote in the convocation. On motion the report was accepted.

The committee on admission of new parishes and missions submitted the following report.

To the ninth annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico. May 11, 1915.

Your committee on admission beg to report that the mission of the Resurrection, El Coto, desires to be admitted into canonical union with the Missionary District of Porto Rico. This mission has twenty-seven communicants. We therefore recommend that admission to be granted.

(Signed.) *J. F. DROSTE.*
JESUS REUS.

On motion the recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons recommended the adoption of the amendment to Canon 9, as proposed and passed at the eighth annual convocation, and reported on page 18 of the Journal of 1914.

After discussion, the Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe moved that the amendment be referred back to the committee with the request that the canon be recast. Seconded and carried.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons recommended the adoption of the amendment to Article V of the Constitution, proposed and passed at the eigth annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico, A. D. 1914 and recorded on page 16, of the Journal of 1914.

On motion the amendment to Article 4 was adopted.

Article 4 of the Constitution of the Missionary District of Porto Rico as amended, reads as follows, the amendments being in quotation marks.

IV.

Of Membership and Representation.

"The membership of the Convention shall be composed of the Officers mentioned in Article III, all clergymen canonically resident in the District not less than three months previous to the meeting, together with two Lay delegates from each Parish or organized Mission in the District, chosen at the next preceding Annual Meeting of the Parish or Mission, or in the event of a failure on the part of the Parish or Mission to make such choice, appointed by the Minister in charge." Each member shall be entitled to one vote, but when there is a vote by orders it shall require a majority in both orders to adopt a proposed measure. The Bishop shall preside, or if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee shall preside, or in the case of the absence of one or both of these officers, the Convention may elect a president pro-tempore.

The Committee on Constitution an canons recommended the adoption of the amendment to Article V of the Constitution, proposed and passed at the eighth annual convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico, A. D. 1914 and recorded on page 16, of the Journal of 1914.

The Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe moved that the report of the Committee be laid on the table and made the first order of business at the session of May 12th. Seconded and carried.

The Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout proposed a canon on Religious Education. Referred to the committee on Constitution and Canons.

The Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout introduced a resolution amending canon 19. Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

The Chair appointed the Rev. Enrique Cuervos to read Morning Prayer in Spanish at 8:30 A. M. Wednesday morning, May 12th.

The Convocation adjourned until 8:30 A.M. Wednesday morning.

On motion the report was accepted.

The Rev. Leonard Read submitted the following report as a delegate to the Primary Synod of the Province of New York and New Jersey.

"Being unable to attend the meeting, I cannot report on any action taken, but from letters I have received, I feel sure that some good might result from the local work which could be done if our Bishop could see his way to appoint a Local Provincial Board, the members of which would constitute the Social Service Commission for the Protestant Episcopal Church in Porto Rico, to deal with, report upon, and act in harmony with the movement now being made on questions of Social Service as explained in the letter of Oct. 5th. 1915 from the field secretary, Rev. F. M. Crouch.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD READ.

The Rev. Mr. Read then offered the following resolution.

Resolved: That a local Committee be appointed by the Bishop, to act in conjunction with the Joint Commission on Social Service of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Province of New York and New Jersey.

Mr. H. B. Moore offered as a substitute the following resolution.

Resolved: That our delegates to the Provincial Synod be instructed to vote in favor of the proposed Canon creating a Provincial Board of Social Service, and request that the words 'and Missionary District' be inserted after the word 'diocese' in Section 2, of the proposed canon.

The substitute was accepted and adopted.

Mr. H. B. Moore then offered the following resolution.

In acordance with the resolution adopted at the Primary Synod of the Province of New York and New Jersey requesting the several Dioceses and the Missionary Jurisdiction for a contribution to the current expense of the Synod of New York and New Jersey for the ensuing year at the rate of twenty cents for each clergyman canonically resident therein: Be it resolved that the Treasurer of this Convocation be authorized to pay to the

Reports of Committees were then called for.

The Committee on the Bishop's Address submitted the following report.

Your committee on the Bishop's address recommends the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved: That there be appointed by the chairman of this Convocation three delegates. including the Bishop and two others, to represent the Missionary District of Porto Rico at the Panama Conference on Missions in Latin America to be held in the city of Panama in February 1916.

Your committee recommends that the matter of the Missionary apportionment be referred to the Finance Committee for action at this Convocation.

Rev. Leonard Read moved that the recommendations in the report of the Committee be considered separately. Seconded and carried.

The resolution regarding appointing delegates to the Panama Conference was then considered, and after much discussion the Rev. Mr. Haughwout moved that the resolution be postponed indefinitely. Seconded and carried.

The Rev. Mr. Reinhardt moved that the recommendation of the committee referring the matter of Missionary apportionment to the finance committee be adopted. Seconded and carried.

The Committee on Episcopal support submitted the following report.

To the Ninth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

We, your committee on Episcopal support beg to report that upon investigation we find that no offerings have ever been made towards the fund for Episcopal support. We therefore beg to recommend that the Clergy be instructed to attend to the matter and urge their people to make a yearly offering at Ascensiontide for this purpose, said offering to be sent to the Treasurer of the Convocation to be invested by him for the support of the Episcopate.

PAUL R. R. REINHARDT,
R. S. SWIGGETT.
For the Committee.

desired, and unless something is done to increase their efficiency, the Church cannot hope for that increase which she has a right to expect. Emphasis must be laid upon the principle that the ultimate test in this department is in the results produced in training our young people for confirmation. No system of instruction, however well devised, is of much worth which does not accomplish this end. The most pressing need of the Sunday School, as well as of our work in general, is provision for literature in the Spanish language. Until this is supplied the propaganda of the Church must be content to mark time. Your committee earnestly recomends that such action be taken as the Bishop may deem advisable to bring this need to the attention of the Board of Missions, and of the Church in general.

Attention is also called to the imperative need of Church buildings in Mayaguez, Fajardo and Ponce. At the first named place in particular the situation is one which demands prompt action. At El Coto on the other hand, the Church has been enriched both materially and spiritually by the erection of a Churchly and comodious structure.

Your committee would suggest that hereafter the parochial reports be submitted to them at least ten days before the meeting of convocation in order that they may be studied and tabulated, and the committee's report be presented to the Convocation on the first day of its session.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL R. R. REINHARDT,
R. S. SWIGGETT,
LEFFERD M. A. HAUGHWOUT.

Mr. H. B. Moore moved that the report be accepted and the recommendation contained therein be adopted. Carried.

The Secretary then read the report of the President of the Woman's Auxiliary. It was moved that the Convocation has heard the report with much interest and recommends that it be printed in the Journal. (See appendix 2).

On motion the meeting adjourned until 2:30 P.M.

At the opening of the afternoon session the Chair called for reports of Committees.

Mr. H. B. Moore read the report of the finance committee.

Your committee recommends that the following assessments be made on the parishes and missions of this District for Convocation expense, Mayaguez $10.00; Ponce, $20.00; Fajardo, $5.00; Vieques, $5.00; San Juan, St. John's Church, $30.00; Puerta de Tierra, St. Lukes, $10.00; El Coto, $10.00. Total, $90.00.

The report was accepted. Mr. Haughwout moved that the Parishes and missions be assessed for Convocation expense in accordance with the schedule presented by the finance committee. Seconded and carried.

The finance committee made further report, recommending that the Missionary apportionment be apportioned as follows:

St. John's, San Juan	$75.00.
St. Luke's, San Juan	25.00.
Holy Trinity, Ponce	75.00.
St. Andrew's, Mayaguez	10.00.
All Saints, Vieques	13.00.
Transfiguration, Fajardo	15.00.
Resurrection, El Coto	15.00.
	$268.00.

The Rev. S. Sutcliffe moved that the report be accepted and that the apportionment proposed be adopted. Seconded and carried.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons was then called for. The committee announced that there were two amendments to the canons to be proposed and two new canons to propose, and suggested that each be acted upon separately. There being no objection the chair so ordered.

The Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe read the report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following amendment to Canon 9.

Section 1. The power to establish an organized mission in any town or locality is hereby vested in the Bishop of the District. An organized mission is, for the purpose of these canons, a congregation over which a Missionary may be placed at any time by the authority of the Bishop. No organiz-

ed mission shall be established in any town or locality until a written application signed by at least ten adult persons declaring their attachment to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and their purpose to sustain the services of said Church, shall have been made to the Bishop and approved by him.

Section 2. The Bishop shall appoint annually in each organized mission, a Finance Committee, consisting of the Minister-in-charge, as chairman, and such other baptized persons as the Bishop may determine, whose duty shall be to promote the temporal welfare of the mission, and who shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

Mr. Haughwout moved that the amendment to Canon 9 be adopted, seconded by Miss Davidson. Carried.

Your committee recomends the amendment of canon 19 to read as follows:

These cannons may be altered or amended in the following manner. Proposed alterations or amendments shall be submitted in writing upon the first day of the annual convocation, and when reported by the committee on Constitution and Canons may be voted upon on the second day of the Convocation. A majority vote of the convocation shall be necessary for the adoption of any such alteration or amendment, and when so adopted, such alteration or amendment shall become operative upon its approval by the House of Bishops.

Upon motion by the Rev. Mr. Haughwout the amendment was adopted.

Your committee further reports in favor of the adoption of the following new canons:

Canon on Board of Religious Education and Literature.

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Religious Education and Literature, consisting of the Bishop, and three presbyters and two lay persons appointed by him at each annual Convocation, who shall hold office until their successors are appointed. The Bishop shall be the Chairman ex-officio, and the Board shall choose at its first annual meeting an Executive Secretary, whose duty shall be to direct the work of the board, subject to the advice of the Bishop.

Section 2. The Board so constituted shall collate and dispense information with regard to the best methods of Sunday School work, with such recommendations as they see fit, and shall

make provision for Sunday School supplies and other Church literature in the English and Spanish languages. Any other matter relating to their department may be referred to them by the Convocation.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Haughwout the canon was adopted.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following canon on the Committee on the State of the Church.

Section 1. At each convocation the Bishop shall appoint a Committee consisting of two clergymen and two lay persons to act as the Committee on the State of the Church, which committee shall continue in office until their successors are appointed.

Section 2. Each parish and mission shall send to the Bishop one week before the meeting of the Convocation a complete report of the State of said parish or mission on blanks to be provided by him.

Section 3. The Committee shall tabulate such reports and make a written report accompanied by such tabulation to each convocation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSE R. F. SAVAGE,
LEONARD READ,
SAMUEL SUTCLIFFE,
Committee.

On motion the canon was adopted.

Mr. Reinhardt moved the adoption of the report of the committee as a whole. Carried.

The Rev. Mr. Read moved that committees be appointed to carry out the provisions of the new canons. Seconded and carried.

The Bishop appointed the following as a Committee on Religious Education and Literature.

The Bishop.
Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout.
Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt.
Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe.
Mr. H. B. Moore.
Mrs. Mary Droste.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on the State of the Church.

Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout.
Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt.
Mr. R. S. Swiggett.
Miss E. L. Robbins.

The Report of the Treasurer was then called for.

The Treasurer of the Convocation, Capt. E. J. Griffith, submitted the following report, from June 1st., 1914. to May 11, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

For	Convocation Expenses	$ 77.20.
"	General Missions	243.32.
"	Clergy Relief	32.02.
"	Church Extension	26.87.
"	Red Cross	45.59.
"	Emergency Fund	6.25.
	Total	$422.25.

EXPENDITURES.

For	Printing Convocation Journal 1914	$ 53.60.
To	Geo. Gordon King, Treas. Board of Missions	211.14.
"	General Clergy Relief	23.02.
"	Red Cross	45.59.
		$333.35.
	Balance on hand	88.90.
	Total	$422.25.

Balance on hand in various accounts.

For	Convocation Expenses	$ 23.60.
"	General Missions	32.18.
"	Emergency Fund	6.25.
"	Church Extension	26.87.
		$ 88.90.

Audited.

R. S. SWIGGETT.
SAMUEL SUTCLIFFE.

E. J. GRIFFITH,
Treasurer.

MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENT.

On Apportionment for 1914-15.

	Apportioned.	*Paid.*
St. John's Church, San Juan	50.00.	77.22.
St. Luke's Church, Puerta de Tierra	25.00.	28.33.
St. Paul's Mission	00.00.	3.32.
Holy Trinity, Ponce	75.00.	55.60.
St. Andrew's, Mayaguez	50.00.	62.77.
All Saint's, Vieques	10.00.	— —
Transfiguration, Fajarado	10.00.	— —
Resurrection, El Coto	5.00.	16.08.
	225.00.	243.32.

In excess of apportionment -- -- $18.32.

E. J. GRIFFITH,
Treasurer.

It was moved and carried that the Treasurer's report be received and accepted with thanks to the Treasurer.

The Rev. Mr. Haughwout moved that the thanks of the Convocation be extended to the Bishop, Acting Rector, Wardens, Vestry and Ladies of the Church of St. John the Baptist for the courtesies and hospitality extended to the Convocation.

It was moved and carried that the treasurer be instructed to pay to the janitor of St. John's Church the sum of two dollars for his work during the two days of the Convocation.

The Rev. Mr. Read offered the following resolution which was carried.

Resolved: That in view of the fact that the Rev. F. A. Warden who was for eight years of inestimable value to this Missionary District and has ceased from canonical residence here: Be it resolved that the Bishop be requested to appoint a Committee of two to write a letter of our appreciation of his successful labors amongst us.

The Bishop appointed The Rev. Leonard Read and Capt. E. J. Griffith to carry out the provision of this resolution.

Rev. Mr. Reinhardt moved that a rising vote of thanks be given the Secretary in appreciation of his arduous labors. Carried.

On motion by the Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe, which was adopted, the matter of procuring mite boxes for the lenten offering was referred to the Committee on Religious education and literature.

Verbal reports on the Emergency fund were called for by the Chair, which indicated that the returns from this campaign would be very satisfactory.

Reports of Missionaries were then called for.

The Rev. Leonard Read read the report of Miss E. H. Mc Cullough of Mayaguez.

The Rev. Leonard Read made a verbal report of his work.

The Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt made a verbal report of his work in Fajardo and Vieques.

Rev. J. F. Droste submitted a written report of the work in El Coto, reporting the opening of a new work at Pugnado.

The Rev. S. Sutcliffe made a verbal report of his work in San Juan.

The Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout made a verbal report of his work in Ponce.

The Rev. Enrique Cuervos submitted a written report of his work at St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.

Miss S. R. Davidson made a verbal report of her work in Vieques.

Miss. E. L. Robbins submitted a written report of the work at St. Luke's Hospital, Ponce. (Appendix 3.)

Mrs. Cármen Reus, read a report of her work at St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra.

Miss J. A. C. Jackson made a verbal report of her work in Puerta de Tierra.

Miss Irene Brown made a verbal report of her work at St. Luke's Parish School.

Mr. Camille Estornel, Catechist, made a verbal report.

On motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

After prayer and benediction by the Bishop, the convocation adjourned sine die at 5:30 P.M.

CHAS. B. COLMORE,
Bishop.

Attest:

SAMUEL SUTCLIFFE,
Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

Bishop's Address to the ninth sesion of the Convocation of Porto Rico.

It gives me much pleasure to welcome this Convocation a second time to its work and deliberations. Only two of you who are present today have ever had a seat in this body as Clergymen before, and yet we have one more in the Clerical order than at our meeting last year.

Owing to my absence from the District during the month of May last year, the annual meeting was postponed for a month, and inadvertently the reports were called for to date from June 1st 1913 to June 1st 1914. This necessitates a report this year of only eleven months, or from June 1st 1914 to May 1st 1915. I hope that our records for the year will not suffer greatly by the omission of this twelfth part of a year's work, but in making comparisons this fact must be borne in mind.

Three of the Bishops of the Church have gone to their rest during the past year, all of them apparently still in the prime of life.

Robert Strange, D. D. Bishop of East Carolina was stricken while in attendance at the General Convention in New York, and was unable to take up again the work of his Diocese. He died on August 23rd 1914.

Franklin Spencer Spalding, D. D. Missionary Bishop of Utah, was run over and killed by an automobile in Salt Lake City on the 25th of September. This came as a terrible shock to the whole Church, since he was looked upon as one of the strongest and best known of our Western Bishops. He had already become a national figure, and the many expressions of appreciation from representatives of all Christian bodies attest his influence and usefulness in the Nation.

William Farrar Weeks, D. D. Bishop Co-adjutor of Vermont, was fatally stricken with disease almost immediately after his consecration, in January 1913. God took him to join the hosts of the Church Expectant on October 23rd 1914. Rest

eternal may God grant unto them and light perpetual shine upon them."

On January 26th of this year I Ordered Deacon Mr. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán and advanced to the Priesthood the Rev. Johan F. Droste. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Messrs. Sutcliffe and Read, who also assisted in the laying on of hands. The Rev. Mr. Droste was appointed on the staff of Clergy in October of last year and is in charge of the Mission of the Ressurrection, at El Coto. The Rev. Mr. Cuervos is working with the Spanish speaking congregation at St. Luke's Church and in the outlying Missions of St. Paul's and the Annunciation.

Since our last report a number of changes have taken place in the personel of the Staff. In July the Rev. William E. Hendricks resigned his appointment to take effect on August 31st, and left Porto Rico on July 18th. The work at the Transfiguration in Fajardo was carried on temporarily by a Lay-reader. Miss Iva M. Woodruff was reappointed on the staff last year and began her work in connection with the parish of the Holy Trinity in Ponce on the first of September.

Miss Elizabeth Mellowes, who had been a Teacher for some time in St. Andrew's school, Mayaguez, resigned and her resignation was accepted to date from October the thirty-first. Her place has been filled temporarily by Mrs. Tornoe, who lives in that city.

On October 21st the Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe arrived from the United States having received an appointment on the Porto Rico staff. His arrival among us was most opportune since the Rev. Mr. Warden left the same day on a leave of absence and Mr. Sutcliffe was able to take up his work without interruption. It has been of great assistance to me to have Mr. Sutcliffe here and I do not see how we could have done the work in San Juan without him. He has been active in the pastoral work of the parish of St. John's as well as in the Sunday school, and has been most helpful with the choir. I want to take this opportunity of publicly thanking Mr. Sutcliffe for his timely assistance.

During the summer recommendation was made to and authority received from the Board of Missions to discontinue the parish school at St. John's Church, San Juan, and to concen-

trate our efforts on the School institutional work at St. Luke's. Accordingly Miss Julia A. C. Jackson was "employed in the field" for the settlement work at St. Luke's, and she arrived in San Juan on the 7th of December. It has been slow and difficult work at St. Luke's but we are gradually working out a policy and hope soon to be able to accomplish some lasting work.

The Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout was appointed on the staff in November of last year and reached San Juan on December 10th. Mr. Haughwout went directly to Ponce and took up the work as Rector of the parish of the Holy Trinity.

On December 18th the Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt moved to Fajardo and opened the Chapel of the Transfiguration for regular services again. Since going to Fajardo Mr. Reinhardt has also been giving half his time to the Mission of All Saints at Vieques. While these two Missions are better off than they have been for a long time, there is still need for a separate Clergyman for Vieques, since it is very unsatisfactory for all concerned that the Clergyman spend only half his time in either place. The latest change which has taken place in the staff is the resignation of the Rev. Frederick A. Warden, of this parish. Mr. Warden was connected with this District for almost eight years and at times was the only Priest of this Church on the Island. In giving up Mr. Warden we lose one of our strongest links with the past life of the District. He has been canonically transferred and has taken up the work as Rector of the parish at Moorestown, New Jersey.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Eight services of Confirmation have been held during the year with a total of 53 persons confirmed and received into the Communion of this Church.

WOMANS AUXILIARY.

This most important branch of the work has made steady progress not only in the number of branches established but also in the interest and enthusiasm manifested. I beg that the Clergy will give this organization among the women of the Church their most careful consideration. An intelligent knowledge of and interest in the Missionary work and the general af-

fairs of the Church is most necessary to the life and vigor of any parish or mission. The organizations of the Church are looked upon too frequently as mere agencies for raising money, whereas the chief benefit to be derived from such a society as the Auxiliary is a deepening of the spiritual life and a knowledge of the Church which takes us out and beyond our own narrow and limited bounderies. We have a Diocesan organization and although there may be no possibility of holding a meeting of the representatives, yet there will be abundant opportunity for the Clergy and others interested to obtain information on the subject.

ST. LUKE'S MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to report much improvement in the material condition of this institution. The interest of the local Physicians of Ponce has been sought earnestly during the past year and the result of this extra effort is beginning to be manifested. A staff of six local physicians besides the Medical Director, Dr. Crossman, has been appointed, each of whom is given the privilege of using four beds in the charity wards. Several of these Physicians have availed themselves of this privilege and are practicing at the hospital regularly, which means of course that we care for some of their pay patients as well as the charity ones. Another extra effort has been made to interest the citizens of Ponce, and to this end an advisory committee, composed of eight influential men of the city, has been appointed who are constantly kept informed of the condition of affairs at St. Luke's. Miss Robbins, whose work as Superintendent has been a large factor in the success attained, has also organized a Hospital Guild, composed of the ladies of Ponce, who have made articles, useful in the charity work of the hospital and have given entertainments for the benefit of its support. The people are getting to understand more and more that St. Luke's is a Church institution and the spiritual work accomplished there in the past is begnining to make itself evident in a closer relation between the hospital and the parish of Holy Trinity. I wish it were possible for every worker in the District to have the opportunity of seeing the work of St. Luke's at first hand. I am sure that the Church at large will have cause to feel proud of this institution.

BUILDINGS.

Since our last meeting two buildings have been added to the list of Church property. The one, the Chapel of the Resurrection at El Coto de Manati is of solid concrete construction, and will seat about 150 persons. It is very churchly in appearance and furnishings and is a great credict to the devoted Missionary and his wife. I should, in justice, add that the cost of construction has been borne almost entirely by the Rev. J. F. and Mrs. Droste. The Chapel is built on their own land which is later to be deeded to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, when the consecration will take place. The other, the Physicians residence, at St. Luke's Hospital, is also of concrete, and is built on the hospital grounds in a commanding situation. This residence is the gift of friends in the United States and has cost about $5300.

MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENT.

It is with a feeling of just pride that we come to this meeting of Convocation with our missionary apportionment almost if not entirely paid up for this year. In answer to the information that the District of Porto Rico had at the last Convocation, asked for an increase in the apportionment, the following resolution was passed by the Board of Missions: "*Resolved*: that in granting the request of the Bishop of Porto Rico that the apportionment for the District be increased from $150 to $225, the Board wishes to express its appreciation of this action." As you know, the end of the Board's fiscal year is August 31st and for the District to have accomplished its purpose with four months to spare, is indeed a record of which we may be proud. The apportionment committee may find it necessary to revise the amounts as assigned to the various missions last year, but the result has shown that the committee was justified in recommending the increased amount for the entire District. I hope it may be found possible to increase the amount of our apportionment until we can gradually assume our just responsibility for the work of the Church throughout the world, in winning the world to Christ.

EMERGENCY FUND.

Information has been received from the Board of Missions to the effect that there will in all probability be a deficit at the end of this fiscal year amounting to some $400,000.00 and to avoid such a condition, and appeal has been made to the whole Church, that each communicant be asked to give one day's income or wage before June 1st. Naturally the Church in Porto Rico desires to have her share in this movement, and I have sent a letter to all the Clergy asking that they undertake to canvass their congregation for this purpose, and that a report of the result be given at the Convocation, both as to the number contributing and the total amount contributed in cash and pledges. Sunday, May 9th was appointed as the date for the conclusion of the work. I hope that the reports will be encouraging, not simply in the amount of money received, for at best our part must necessarily be small, but as an evidence of our desire to be a real part of the living organism of Christ's Body, the Church. Let us not forget to pray for the success of this effort, that the work of the Church may not have to be diminished.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LENTEN OFFERING.

This annual offering has long recognized as a power in the Church, both materially as an aid to the Board, and spiritually as a means of education in Missions and missionary giving. I believe that the most is not generally made of this opportunity to set before the children of the Church during Lent the great lessons of Missions as well as information on the work the Church is doing. I suggest that a committee be appointed by this Convocation, to devise a means of interesting and instructing the children of the Sunday Schools in regard to the object for which they are giving their money during Lent. This committee might also have charge of procuring the mite boxes from the Board and distributing them, in the quantities needed, to the several Sunday Schools of the District. In this way time would not be lost in procuring the boxes from a distance as often happens, when each mission orders them direct from New York.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND LITERATURE.

I sincerely hope that the committee on Sunday Schools will present a good report to this Convocation. Hardly any of our work can be as important as that among the youth of the Church, and yet we are working without system or purpose. We should adopt some curriculum as a basis and have all the Schools of the District conform in some measure to it. The Sunday School teachers should receive instruction in the course from the Clergy, and the older members of the School should be given a course in teacher training which will fit them for the work of teachers, whereby we will fill that great need and solve the difficulty which every Rector finds, viz; the lack of Sunday School Teachers. In this connection I will say that the second grade of the Gwynne series of which I spoke last year has at last been put in the hands of the printer and should be completed in the course of another month.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD.

We are the only Missionary District included in the Province of New York and New Jersey, and this fact presents a splendid opportunity for us. A sympathetic co-operation in the work of the provincial synod would awaken much interest in this District. I can imagine the several Dioceses in this province becoming so interested in our work that individual parishes might elect to pay the total expenses of our missions. Of course this would be of no more personal benefit to us than the present system, but it would be of great assistance to the Board of Missions, since it would give the personal touch which is such a strong appeal in missionary giving. I have communicated with the Secretary of the Province and he is anxious to visit this District in order to inform himself at first hand as to the conditions here. I trust that this may be possible for him before the end of this year, since we can show him our needs much more eloquently than we can tell him. The Synod meets again on the second Tuesday in January, and it will be necessary for us to elect our delegates at this meeting.

PANAMA CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS.

There is to be held in the City of Panama in January of next year a conference on the subject of Missions in Latin Amer-



ica. The scope of the conference will be very much the same as that of the Edinburgh conference, which was for the discussion of matters relating to the heathen world. Our own Board of missions has decided that it will not be advisable for them to recognized the conference officially by sending delegates. However I do not understand that this action of the Board will prevent our sending delegates to this conference should we so desire, and I feel that we will miss a great deal by remaining aloof from it. I should be very glad of some expression of opinion in this Convocation on the subject.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

I call your attention to the Parochial report blanks which have been provided for your use this year. They are much more comprehensive than those we used last year, but I trust that every one has been careful in filling them out since they form the basis for all our statistics and information. It is very necessary that we have correct and accurate records even though they may show a decrease in certain items as compared with the reports of last year.

I feel that my time during the past year has been spent in filling in vacancies and making arrangements for new workers to take the places of those who have left. We have opened no new work, but have fortunately been able to keep open all that we had last year. I have myself been present in the District the whole year with the exception of six weeks while I was on my regular visitation to the Missionary District of Haiti Praying that God's blessing may accompany us in the deliberations which lie before us, and praising Him for His protection to our band from all serious illness and death, I summon you to our mutual work.

APPENDIX 7.

	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.									PARISH SCHOOL'S.		
	Teachers English	Scholars English	Total English	Teachers Spanish	Scholars Spanish	Total Spanish	Total Teachers	Total Scholars	Grand Total	Teachers	Scholars	Total
Holy Trinity, Ponce.	1	25	26	3	35	38	4	60	64	2	54	56
St. John's, San Juan.	5	46	51	1	20	21	6	66	72			
St. Luke's, St. Paul, Annunciation } San Juan	1	18	19	8	160	168	9	178	187	1	48	49
St. Andrews, Mayaguez.	1	12	13	3	40	43	4	52	56	3	42	45
Transfiguration, Fajardo.	0	0	0	5	66	71	5	66	71			
All Saints, Vieques.	0	0	0	2	76	78	2	76	78			
Resurrection, El Coto.	0	0	0	1	167	168	1	167	168			
Totals.	8	101	109	23	561	587	31	665	696	6	*114	150

*English 18.
Spanish 126.

I feel that I may speak for the Porto Rico Branch in pledging to you and to your Clergy our earnest efforts, loyal support, and fervent prayers in behalf of the Church's work in the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH R. COLMORE,
President.

Mrs. Sarah R. Colmore, in account with the Porto Rico Branch of Womans Auxiliary.

JUNE 1ST 1914 TO MAY 1ST 1915.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

To cash from contributions at monthly meetings	$25.40	
To cash paid local expense		$ 6.17
To cash paid General Missions		7.00
To cash paid Diocesan Missions		6.00
Balance, cash on hand		6.23

UNITED OFFERING (1916)

To cash, Offering Sept. 1914	$20.50	
To cash, Offering March 1915	37.06	
To interest	.41	
To cash on deposit		57.97
	$83.37	$83.37

SARAH R. COLMORE.

APENDIX 3.

Report of St. Lukes Hospital Ponce, P. R.

Ten months ending May 1, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

Private Patients	$3454.11
Physician's Fees	982.49
Local Donations	515.34
Board of Missions	3891.66
Miscellaneous	821.09
Central Subscriptions	1043.00
Local Suscriptions	493.32
Dispensary	252.39
	$11453.46

EXPENDITURES.

Food & Ice	$3457.24
Servants Wages	860.84
Nurses	389.56
Light, fuel and water	633.33
Medicines and Med. Supplies	1006.09
Maintenance Bldgs.	856.03
Hospital Sup. and Equip.	728.03
Salaries	700.00
Office Expense	217.59
Stable and Garage	431.42
Miscellaneous	331.76
	$9620.08
Total number of hospital days	7011
Total pay cases	165
Total charity cases	375
Total surgical dressings	1237

19. The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjournment the day before, if any.

20. Reports from the several Missionaries, the Teachers, and other workers in the several parts of the District; each to occupy not more than ten minutes, unless by vote of the Convocation extending the time. These reports may be verbal or written, and shall be called for by the President of the Convocation.

21. Reports of any special committees on matters referred to them during the session.

2. Reading of the minutes, action on them, and after Prayers and Benediction, by President, adjournment without day, unless another day is necessary for finishing the business. In that case the above shall be the order.

RULES OF ORDER.

I. The usual courtesies of parliamentary observance shall govern at all times.

II. No person shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the Convocation, nor more than once until others desiring to speak shall have spoken; but the mover of a resolution shall have the privilege of closing the debate.

III. All Special Committees shall be appointed by the President unless otherwise specified in the motion calling for appointment of the committee.

IV. No motion shall be entertained unless and until reduced to writing, and seconded by another than the mover, and handed to the Secretary, with the mover's name appended.

V. When a question is before the Convocation, it shall be in order.

(*a*) To lay on the table.
(*b*) To postpone to a fixed time.
(*c*) To postpone indefinitely.
(*d*) To limit debate by taking a vote at a fixed time or by a vote determining the time allowed for each speaker.
(*e*) To commit.
(*f*) To amend.

Motions for any of these proceedings shall be in the order of precedence as named, and a question on any of these shall

	COMMUNICANTS.								
		Lost.				Summary.			
	Total.	By Death.	Removal.	Transfers.	Total.	English.	Spanish	Total	
Holy Trinity	18	2	0		2			130	
St. John's, S	49	2	11		13	113	21	134	
St. Luke's,									
St. Paul's,	15	2	13	2	17	64	98	162	
Annunciatio									
St. Andrew's	12	2	1	0	3			42	
Transfigurat	22	0	5	0	5	19	18	37	
All Saints, V	0	1	1	0	2	36	0	36	
Resurrection	8	0	0	0	0	10	0	10	
	124	9	31	2	42			551*	

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9. Report of Committee on Qualifications temporarily laid aside. Action to be taken immediately after discussion.

10. Presentation of any subject that is to be referred without debate, to special committees for their subsequent report.

11. At 2:30 P.M. the Elections of Officers and Committees, the Committee on Nominations having their report ready to offer, and the election to follow immediately, other nominations being always in order. The President shall announce what elections are to follow, viz:

(*a*) Treasurer.
(*b*) Registrar.
(*c*) Delegates of the General Convention (in Convention years.)
(*d*) Committee on Constitution and Canons (see Canon 13), to consist of two clergymen and one layman.
(*e*) Committee of three members, on the creation and increase of the fund for support of a Bishop.
(*f*) Other elections, if there are any.

12. At three o'clock the Bishop's Annual Address, unless he shall prefer some other time.

13. Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.

14. Reports and action on them as follows:

(*a*) By the Treasurer.
(*b*) By the Registrar.
(*c*) By the President of the Standing Committee.
(*d*) By the Chancellor.
(*e*) By the Committee on Episcopal Support.
(*f*) By the Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.
(*g*) By any other Officer or Committee of the Convocation.

15. Misscellaneous business.

16. Adjournment to the second day.

Order of Business Second Day of Convocation.

17. Morning Prayer at 8:30 a. m., by appointment of the Bishop.

18. Reading of the Minutes of the preceeding day, and action on them.



be decided before the original motion, which shall then be put as altered or not.

V. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are proposed. A motion amending an amendment may be proposed. A motion amending an amendment may be entertained, but no second amendment to an amendment can be entertained. A substitute for the whole may be received and acted upon ,provided the substitute be on the same subject.

VII. A motion to lay on the table is to be taken at once without debate.

VIII. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order when no member is speaking, and shall be decided without debate.

IX. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convocation, in which case a majority or a tie shall sustain the President's decision.

X. With the consent of the Convocation, the mover may at any time withdraw a motion which has not been put on its passage, in which case it shall not appear upon the Minutes.

XI. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

XII. A motion to reconsider may be made by one who has voted in the majority on its passage, but such motion can be carried only by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

XIII. At the request of the President, or on motion, the Convention may resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

VI. In a vote by Orders, if the delegates from a parish or mission are equally divided, the vote shall be cast and marked "divided". And such vote shall not be considered as affecting the decision of the question one way or the other.

XV. A constituional quorum consist of one-third of each Order, or representatives from a majority of the parishes or organized missions of the Convocation. Such quorum is necessary for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day.

XVI. All elections shall be by ballot.

XVI. For the suspension of the Rules of Order, or for the change of the Order of Business, the consent of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting shall be necessary.



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MAY 9 AND 10, 1916.

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OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT.

The Bishop.

The Right Rev. Charles Blayney Colmore, D. D. San Juan.

Council of Advice.

Rev. Leonard Read, President. Mayaguez.
Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout, Secretary. Ponce.
Mr. Henry W. Dooley, San Juan.
Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, San Juan.

Secretary.

Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe, San Juan.

Treasurer.

Capt. Edwin J. Griffith, San Juan.

Chancellor.

Hon. José R. F. Savage, San Juan.

Registrar.

Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe, San Juan.

Examining Chaplains.

Rev. Leonard Read.
Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout.
Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe.

Deputies to the General Convention.

Clerical: Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, Fajardo.
Lay, Hon. José R. F .Savage, San Juan.

Alternate Deputies to the General Convention.

Clerical, Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe, San Juan.
Lay. Mr. Ralph S. Swiggett, San Juan.

Delegates to the Provincial Synod of the Province of New York and New Jersey.

Rev. Leonard Read, Miss E. L. Robbins,
Rev. J. F. Droste. Miss I. M Woodruff.
Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe, Mr. M. M. Sama de Atero.
Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout, Mr. T. R. S. Butler.

THE MISSIONARY STAFF.

Bishop.

The Right Rev. Charles Blayney Colmore, D. D.

Priests.

Rev. Leonard Read.
Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt.
Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe, B. D.
Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout, M. A.
Rev. Johan F. Droste,

Deacon.

Rev. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán.

Lay Readers Licensed.

Mr. Gerhardt Monefeldt.
Mr. Camille Estornel.
Mr. Henry Butler Moore.
Mr. José Flores.
Mr. Estéban Reus García.
Mr. T. R. S. Butler.
Mr. Edward Monefeldt.
Mr. Thomas J. Ash.

Catechists.

Mr. T. R. S. Butler. --
Mr. Thomas J. Ash.

Women Helpers.

Miss S. R. Davidson,	Vieques.
Mrs J. F. Droste,	El Coto.
Miss J. A. C. Jackson,	Puerta de Tierra.
Mrs. Carmen Reus,	Puerta de Tierra.

Teachers.

Miss Frances Cuddy,	Mayaguez
Miss E. H. McCollough,	Mayaguez.
Miss Iva M Woodruff.	San Juan.
Miss Dolores Romañach	San Juan
Miss Isabel Beauchamp,	Mayaguez.
Miss Amanda Castro,	Mayaguez
Miss Irene Brown,	Puerta de Tierra.
Miss Grace E. Epley,	San Juan.
Miss Dorothy Dalrymple,	San Juan.

St. Lukes Memorial Hospital, Ponce.

-- -- -- ---- -- -- --	Medical Director.
Miss Etta L. Robbins, G. N.	Superintendent.
Miss Grace Milgate, G. N.	Assistant.
Miss Francisca Jimenez, G. N.	Assistant,
Miss Anita Ortiz, G. N.	Assistant.
Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout,	Chaplain.

Staff of Pysicians.

F. Suarez, M. D.
J. M. Suarez, M. D.
D. Perez Marchand, M. D.
W. F. Lippitt, M. D.
Victor López Nussa, M. D.
Antonio Mayoral, M. D.
J. W. Kenney, M. D.
Agustín Pietri, M. D.

In the training School for nurses at the present time there are sixteen Pupil Nurses.

COMMITTEES.

Constitution and Canons.

The Chancellor,
Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe,
Rev. J. F. Droste.

Finance.

The Bishop,
The Treasurer,
Mr. M, M. Sama de Atero.

Episcopal Support.

Rev. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán.
Mr. M. M. Sama de Atero.
Mr. T. R. S. Butler.

Committee on Religious Education and Literature.

The Bishop,
Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout.
Rev .S. Sutcliffe,
Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt.
Mr. T. R. S. Butler.
Mrs. Mary Droste.

Committee on State of the Church.

Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout.
Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt.
Mr. Estéban Reus.
Mr. H. B. Moore.

Commission on Spanish Version of the Book of Common Prayer.

The Bishop,
Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout,
Rev. Leonard Read.
Mr. T. R. S. Butler.
Dr. José Lugo Viña.

Committee on New Parishes and Missions.

Rev. Johan F. Droste,
Mr. Estéban Reus García.

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JOURNAL OF THE CONVOCATION

CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO,
MAY 9, 1916.

The Tenth Annual Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico assembled on Tuesday, May 9th. at 8.30 A. M. in the Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan. The opening service was the Celebration of the Holy Communion by the Bishop.

At 9.30 A. M. the convocation was called to order by the President, Bishop Colmore.

The Secretary called the roll of the Clergy canonically resident in the District as furnished by the Bishop.

1. Rt. Rev. Charles B. Colmore, Bishop.

Priests.

* 2. Rev. Leonard Read.
3. Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt.
4. Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe.
5. Rev. Johan F. Droste.
6. Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout.

Deacon.

7. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán.

Present 6 absent 1.

The Secretary called the roll of the lay delegates whose certificates had been presented in accordance with Canon 3., and of the officers entitled to seats in the convocation.

Church of St. John the Baptist, San Juan.

* Mr. H. B. Moore,
* Mr. Henry W. Dooley.

St. Luke's, Puerta de Tierra, San Juan.

Mr. Estéban Reus García.
Mr. Thomas J. Ash.

St. Andrew's, Mayaguez.

None.

Transfiguration, Fajardo.

* Mr. Wm. W. Leland,
Mr. José Flores.

All Saints, Vieques.

Miss S. R. Davidson.
* Mr. John Walker.

Holy Trinity, Ponce.

Mr. M. M. Sama de Atero.
Mr. T. R. S. Butler.

Resurrection, El Coto.

Mrs. J. F. Droste.

Officers.

Hon. José R. F. Savage, Chancellor.
Capt. E. J. Griffith, Treasurer.

Present 9, absent 4.

* Absent.

The Secretary announced that there was a constitutional quorum present in both orders.

The President declared the convocation organized for business.

The convocation proceeded to the election of a Secretary. The Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe was nominated. On motion the President was instructed to cast the ballot for Mr. Sutcliffe as Secretary. The ballot was cast and Mr. Sutcliffe was declared elected.

The President appointed the following committee on qualifications.

Rev L. M. A. Haughwout, and Capt. E. J. Griffith.

The President announced the following appointments.

Chancellor: Hon. José R. F. Savage.

Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.

Rev. J. F. Droste, Mr Estéban Reus García.

Commitee on Finance.

The Bishop, The Treasurer, Mr. M.M. Sama de Atero.

Committee on Unfinished business.

Rev. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán, Mr. T.R.S. Butler.

Committee on Nominations.

Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt, Miss S. R. Davidson,
Mrs. J. F. Droste.

Auditing Committee.

Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Mr. F. B. Eberle,
Mr. Edward Jifkins.

Council of Advice.

Rev. Leonard Read, Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout,
Mr. T. G. I. Waymouth, Mr. H. W. Dooley.

The Rev. Mr. Haughwout introduced a canon relative to the removal and transfer of baptized persons and communicants. Referred to the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion, the rules of order were suspended and the report of the treasurer made the order of business.

The Treasurer, Capt. E. J. Griffith, read his report which was on motion, received and accepted.

Treasurer's report.

Report of the Treasurer of the
Convocation of the Missionary District of Porto Rico
May 12, 1915 *to May 9th.* 1916.

Received		**Expended**	
Amount brot fwd report 1915.	$ 88.90	Juan Rios	$ 2.00
Emergency Fund	255.93	Convocation Journal	72.50
General Missions	267.03	New York Synod	1.00
Convocation Fund	65.00	Emergency fund	262.18
Clergy Relief	14.90	General Missions	275.78
Church Extension	14.54		
Support of Episcopate	.50		
Cash over	6.00	Cash on Hand	99.34
Total	$ 712.80		$ 712.80

RECAPITULATION

Emergency Fund.

Received		Expended.	
St. Luke's Church	$ 33.88		
Holy Trinity	4.00		
All Saints	1.55		
St. Andrew's	30.00		
Resurrection	8.00	By check to Geo.	
St. John's	184.75	Gordon Kung, Treas.	$ 262.18
Total	$ 262.18		$ 262.18

General Missions.

Received	*Appor.*	*Paid.*	**Expended.**	
St. John's	$ 75.00	$ 196.36		
Holy Trinity	75.00			
Resurrection	15.00	20.06		
St. Andrews	50.00			
St. Luke's	25.00	36.40		
All Saints	13.00	14.21		
Transfiguration	15.00		By Check to Geo.	
Brot Fowd		32.18	Gordon Kind, Trea,	$ 275.78
			Balance on hand	23.43
Totals	$ 268.00	$ 299.21		$ 299.21

Convocation Assessment.

Received			**Expended.**	
	Assessment.	*Paid.*		
St. John's	$ 30.00	$ 15.00	Convocation Journal	$ 72 50
St. Luke's	10.00	15.00	Juan Rios	2.00
St. Andrews	10.00			
Holy Trinity	20.00	20.00	N. Y. Synod.	1.00
Transfiguration	5.00	2.50	--	
All Saints	5.00	2.50		
Resurrection	10.00	10.00		
Brot Fowd		23.60	Balance on hand	13.10
Totals	$ 90.00	$ 88.60		$ 88.60

Clergy Relief.

St. John's	$ 14.40		
Resurrection	.50	Balance on hand	14.90
Total	$ 14.90		14 90

Church Extension.

Amount brot forward	$ 26.87		
All Saints and Transfiguration	2.21		
St. John's	10.88		
St. Luke's	1.45	Cash on hand	41.41
Totals	$ 41.41		41.41

Support of the Episcopate

Resurrection, El Coto	.50	Cash on hand	0.50
	Over Cash on hand	6.00	

Respectfully submitted

E. J. Griffith,
Treasurer.

The Rev. S. Sutcliffe moved that the unpaid amounts on the Convocation assessments for the past year be remitted. Seconded and carried.

At 11:00 A. M. the Bishop read his annual address to the convocation. See Appendix 1.

The Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout moved that a committee of three be appointed to consider the recommendations contained in the Bishop's address, and to report to this convocation for action. Seconded and carried.

The President appointed the following committee:

Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe, Mr. M.M. Sama de Atero.
Mr. Thos. J. Ash.

The Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout introduced the following resolution:

"Whereas the present Spanish version of the Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church is encumbered with many infelicities of language which seriously impair its usefulness, and with substantial errors of translation in which the doctrine of the Church is affected,

Therefore be it resolved:

1.—That the General Convention of the Church in the United States be memorialized, humbly praying, that a commission of scholars, competent in theology and the Spanish language, be authorized and employed to prepare a suitable Spanish version of the Book of Common Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, the same to be submitted for criticism and approval to the Convocations of Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands, and issued under the authority of the General Convention.

2.—That the Bishop of the Church in Porto Rico be requested to have this memorial presented to the next General Convention in such manner as he may deem most expedient.

On motion the resolution was referred to the committee on Bishop's address.

The Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout introduced a resolution relative to the appointment of a committee of five to recom-

mend to the Convocation a suitable appellation for the Church's mission in Porto Rico.

On motion, the consideration of the resolution was made the special order of business for Tuesday afternoon at 3.00 o'clock.

On motion the convocation adjourned until 2.30 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 9th.

The convocation was called to order at 2.30 P. M. by the President.

The report of the Committee on nominations was called for.

Miss S. R. Davidson read the report of the Committee.

Your committee on nominations recommends the election of the following for the offices named.

Treasurer: Capt. E. J. Griffith.

Registrar: Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe.

Deputies to the General Convention. Clerical: Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout. Lay; Mr. H. B. Moore.

Alternate Deputies to the General Convention. Clerical: Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe. Lay, Mr. H. W. Dooley.

Committee on Constitution and Canons: Hon. Jose R. F. Savage, Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe, Rev. J. F. Droste.

Committee on Episcopal Support. Rev. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán, Mr. M. M. Sama de Atero, Mr. T. R. S. Butler.

Delegates to the Provincial Synod of the Province of New York and New Jersey.

Clerical	*Lay*
Rev. Leonard Read	Miss E. L. Robbins
Rev. J. F. Droste	Miss I. M. Woodruff
Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe	Mr. M. M. Sama de Atero
Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout	Mr. T. R. S. Butler.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss S. R. Davidson,
Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt
Mrs. J. F. Droste.
Committee.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Capt. E. J. Griffith as treasurer of the convocation.

The ballot was cast, and Capt. E. J. Griffith was declared elected Treasurer.

On motion the President was instructed to cast the ballot for the Rev. S. Sutcliffe as Registrar.

The ballot was cast and the Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe was declared elected Registrar.

Election of Deputies to the General Convention.

Clerical Deputy nominated by the Committee on nominations, Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout; Rev. Mr. Haughwout nominated the Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt. Mr. E. Reus was appointed teller. The ballot was cast and the teller announced the result; Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt 7, Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout 4. The Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt was declared elected clerical deputy to the General Convention.

On motion the President was instructed to cast the ballot for the Rev. S. Sutcliffe for Alternate clerical deputy to the General Convention.

The ballot was cast and the Rev. S. Sutcliffe was declared elected alternate clerical deputy.

Lay deputy to the General Convention:

Nominated by the committee, Mr. H. B. Moore. Rev. S. Sutcliffe nominated the Hon. José R. F. Savage. The ballot was cast and the teller announced the result: Hon. José R. F. Savage 7, Mr. H. B. Moore 4. Hon. José R. F. Savage was declared elected lay deputy to the General Convention.

Alternate Lay Deputy to the General Convention.

Nominated by the Committee on Nominations, Mr. H. W. Dooley. Rev. S. Sutcliffe nominated Mr. R. S. Swiggett. The ballot was cast and the teller announced the result: Mr. Swiggett 11, Mr. H. W. Dooley 1. Mr. R. S. Swiggett was declared elected alternate lay delegate to the General Convention.

Committee on Constitution and Canons. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the nomination made by the committee.

The ballot was cast, and Hon. José R. F. Savage, Rev. S. Sutcliffe and Rev. J. F. Droste were declared elected the Committee on Constitution and canons.

Committee on Episcopal Support. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for those nominated by the committee. The ballot was cast and Rev. Enrique Cuervos

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The ballot was cast and the following were declared elected delegates to the Provincial Synod.

Clerical Delegates.	*Lay Delegates.*
Rev. Leonard Read	Miss E. L. Robbins
Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout	Miss Iva M. Woodruff
Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe	Mr. M. M. Sama de Atero
Rev. Johan F. Droste	Mr. T. R. S. Butler

The President called for reports of Officers and Committees.

The Registrar had no report to make.

The Rev. L. M. A. Haugwhout presented the report of the Council of Advice which was received and accepted.

Report of the Council of Advice.

The members of the Council of Advice met for organization May 11, 1915, and chose for President the Rev. Leonard Read, and for Secretary the Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout. There being no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned. There have been no further meetings during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lefferd M. A. Haughwout,
Secretary.

The Chancellor had no report to make.

The committee on Episcopal support had no report.

The committee on Admission of new parishes and missions had no report.

The committee on Constitution and Canons offered its report, the consideration of which was, on motion, made the first order of business of the session of Wednesday.

Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout introduced a resolution by title relative to the Regional Conference of Porto Rico, which, on motion, was made the order of business for Wednesday morning at the conclusion of the consideration of the report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons.

On motion the convocation adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9.00 A. M.

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"to sustain *and support* the services of the Church, shall "have been made to the Bishop and approved by him."

The amendment proposed is the addition of the two words, "and support" underlined in the above paragraph. This change does not affect the substance of the amendment, but is intended to make clear the obligation and purpose of the applicants to lend their financial aid and support to the proposed mission.

Your committee recommends that the following canon be added to the Canons of the District, to be finally acted upon at the next annual convocation.

CANON

Of Removals and Transfers.

Sec. 1. A Baptized or confirmed member of this Church, being in good standing, and removing from one Parish or Mission to another, shall be entitled to receive and shall procure from the Priest or Deacon of the Parish or Mission of his or her last residence, or if there be no Priest or Deacon, from one of the Wardens, a certificate stating that he or she is duly registered or enrolled in the Parish or Mission from which he or she desires to be transferred; and the Priest or Deacon, or Warden of the Parish or Mission to which such member may remove, shall enroll him or her as a member when such certificate is presented, or on failure to produce such certificate through no fault of such member, upon evidence of him or her having been duly baptized or confirmed, sufficient in the judgment of said Priest or Deacon. Notice of enrollement in the Parish or Mission to which such member shall have removed shall be sent to the Priest or Deacon of the Parish or Mission from which the member is removed.

Sec. 2. If a baptized or confirmed member of this Church is found actually resident within any Parish or Mission other than that in which he or she is registered or recorded, and shall for any reason neglect to present the aforementioned certificate of transfer within a period of six months, it shall be the duty of the Priest or Deacon to make written request for such certificate from the Parish or Mission from which such member has removed; and it shall be the duty of the Priest or Deacon, or Warden of that Parish or mission, if within the

Missionary District of Porto Rico, to issue the required certificate promptly, giving therein the exact status of the person transferred. Provided, however, that if there be more than one Parish or Mission within the town or city in which such member is found, he or she shall be entitled to decide in which Parish or Mission to be enrolled.

Sec. 3: If the Priest or Deacon of any Parish or Mission shall know of any baptized or confirmed person within his cure removing to another Parish or Mission, it shall be his duty to advise the Priest or Deacon of such Parish or Mission of such removal, and to issue a certificate of transfer when requested.

San Juan, P. R. May 9th, 1916.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Sutcliffe,

José R. F. Savage, Chairman.

Committee on Constitution and Canons.

Mr. J. R F. Savage moved the adoption of the amendment to Canon 9.

Seconded and carried.

Canon 9 as amended, is as follows.

CANON 9.

Of Missions

Sec. 1. The power to establish an organized mission in any town or locality is hereby vested in the Bishop of the District. An organized mission is, for the purpose of these canons, a congregation over which a missionary may be placed at any time by the authority of the Bishop. No organized mission shall be established in any town or locality until a written application signed by at least ten adult persons declaring their attachment to the Protestant Episcopal Church, and their purpose to sustain and support the services of said Church, shall have been made to the Bishop and approved by him.

Sec. 2. The Bishop shall appoint annually in each organized mission, a Finance Committee consisting of the Minister-in-charge, and such other baptized persons as the Bishop may

determine, whose duty shall be to promote the temporal welfare of the mission, and who shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

Hon. J. R. F. Savage moved the adoption of the amendment to Canon 19, as passed at the ninth annual convocation page 22, Journal of the ninth annual convocation. Seconded and carried.

Canon 19, as amended, is as follows:

CANON 19.

Of Alterations and Amendments.

These Canons may be altered or amended in the following manner, proposed alterations or amendments shall be submitted in writing upon the first day of the annual convocation, and when reported by the Committee on Constitution and Canons, may be voted upon on the second day of the Convocation. A majority vote of the Convocation shall be necessary for the adoption of any such alteration or amendment, and when so adopted, such alteration or amendment shall become operative upon its approval by the House of Bishops.

Hon. J. R. F. Savage moved the adoption of the Canon on the Board of Religious Education and Literature, as passed by the ninth annual convocation, page 22, Journal of the Ninth Annual Convocation, with one alteration, changing the word Presbyters to Clergymen. Seconded and carried.

The Canon as adopted is as follows.

CANON

Board of Religious Education and Literature

Sec. 1. There shall be a Board of Religious Education and Literature, consisting of the Bishop, and three clergymen, and two lay persons appointed by him at each annual Convocation, who shall hold office until their successors are appointed. The Bishop shall be the chairman ex-officio, and the Board shall choose at its first annual meeting an Executive Secretary, whose duty shall be to direct the work of the board, subject to the advice of the Bishop.

Sec. 2. The Board so constituted shall collate and dispense information with regard to the best methods of Sunday School work, with such recommendations as they see fit, and shall make provision for Sunday School supplies and other Church Literature in the English and Spanish languages. Any other matter relating to their department may be referred to them by the Convocation.

Hon. J. R. F. Savage moved the adoption of the Canon on the Committee on the State of the Church as passed by the ninth Annual Convocation, page 23, of the Journal. Seconded and carrier.

The Canon on the Committee on the State of the Church as adopted is as follows:

CANON

Committtee on the State of the Church.

Section 1. At each convocation the Bishop shall appoint a Committee consisting of two clergymen and two lay persons to act as the Committee on the State of the Church, which committee shall continue in office until their successors are appointed.

Section 2. Each parish and mission shall send to the Bishop one week before the meeting of the Convention a complete report of the state of said parish or mission on blanks to be provided him.

Section 3. The committee shall tabulate such reports and make a written report accompanied by such tabulation to each convocation.

The Committee on Constitution and Canons moved the adoption of the new canon on Removals and Transfer. Seconded and carried.

See page 20 of the Journal for text of Canon.

Hon. José R. F. Savage offered the following resolution, which was seconded and carried.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas the Constitution and Canons of this Missionary District have been amended from time to time since they were originally adopted and approved by the House of Bishops; and

Whereas it is the desire of this Convocation that the new Canon on Removals and Transfers proposed, recommended and approved at the present Convocation be made effective at the earliest possible date; and

Whereas the House of Bishops is about to meet, and various other amendments and additions to the Constitution and Canons are pending approval by the House of Bishops;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Committee on Constitution and Canons be instructed to prepare a revised edition of the said Constitution and Canons, setting forth therein all amendments and additions adopted or approved by this, and all the previous Convocations of this District, and properly enumerating the added canons; and that such revision of the Constitution and Canons be submitted, through the proper authority, to the House of Bishops for its approval at its coming session.

Seconded and carried.

The Convocation proceeded to the special order of business, the consideration of the resolution introduced by the Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout Relative to the Regional Conference of Porto Rico.

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas the "Regional Conference on Christian Work" of Porto Rico has inaugurated a movement for the unification of certain of the non-Roman Churches now labouring in Porto Rico; and,

Whereas the Episcopal Church throughout the world is at this time engaged in promoting an ecunemical conference for the consideration of those questions of Faith and Order which lie at the root of the present divisions of Christendom

Therefore be it resolved:

I. That this Convocation views with profound interest and sympathy the proposal of the Regional Conference as a practical expression of the desire for unity which is manifesting itself in all parts of Christendom;

II. That in its general principles we heartily commend the suggested program as well suited for bringing together those bodies whose doctrine, polity, and modes of worship are of kindred type;

III. That it is not possible for the Episcopal Church of

Porto Rico to become a member of the proposed 'Evangelical Union' for the reasons following;

1. We do not regard as adequate a statement of common faith which fails to include the Apostles and Nicene creeds. and which makes no mention of the Incarnation of the Son of God, nor of the great redemptive facts of his life and ministry.

2. We do not regard as adequate a scheme of union which makes no provision for insuring the due and valid celebration of the Christian Sacraments, and which disregards the fundamental conditions of a valid Ministry.

3. We do not believe that any scheme of unity can have the assurance of permanency in the future which is not firmly grounded upon unity with the historic Church of the past.

IV. That while cooperation along certain lines may not be impracticable at the present time, there can be no such effective measure of unification as that proposed by the Regional Conference until the fundamental questions of Faith and Order proposed above have been determined.

V. That since practically all of the churches represented by the proposed Evangelical Union officially signified their intention of participating in the "World Conference on Faith and Order" for the discussion of these questions, it would seem precipitous and untimely for us to participate in definite measures of unification, independently of the larger and more comprehensive movement.

A motion to adjourn was lost.

The resolutions were carried by a vote of 7 to 6.

On motion the convocation adjourned until 2.00 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

The convocation was called to order by the President at 2.00 P. M.

The Bishop read a letter from the Rev. Leonard Read. in which Mr. Read expressed his regrets that illness compelled him to be absent from the convocation.

Hon. José R. F. Savage moved that the vote on the resolutions relative to the Regional Conference of Porto Rico, adopted at the conclusion of the morning session be made unanimous. Seconded by Rev. S. Sutcliffe. Carried unanimously.

The Rev. S. Sutcliffe presented the report of the Committee on the Bishop's address.

Your committee on the Bishop's address recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved: That a Committee of three, including the Bishop, be appointed at each convocation to arrange for some devotional meeting to be held at some time during the meeting of the Convocation.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Your committee further recommends the adoption of the following resolution, relative to a Commission on the Spanish version of the Book of Common Prayer.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved: That there be a standing committee of five members to be known as the Commission on the Spanish version of the Book of Common Prayer, to include the Bishop president ex-officio, and four others, to be appointed by him, who shall continue in office until their successors are appointed. The duties of the commission shall be to make a study of all inaccuracies of translation, euphony and diction of the Spanish version of the Book of Common Prayer, and to be prepared to present suggestions at any time to the Commision on the Spanish version of the Book of Common Prayer appointed by the General Convention.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Your committee recommends the adoption of the following new canon to be entitled, "Of the Registrar."

Sec. 1. The Registrar shall have charge of all documents belonging to the District which relate to its history, or that of any Parish or Mission therein; of the journals of all the convocations of the District, and of those of other Dioceses or Districts, presented to this one, and of all books and papers committed to him by the convocation.

Sec. 2. He shall enter in a suitable book, kept for that purpose, a classification according to Parishes and Missions, of the various amounts subscribed and paid in on account of such permanent funds as may be raised by the authority of the District, or be placed under its control.

Sec. 3. He shall also act as historiographer of the District, noting from time to time any facts which illustrate

its history, or that of any portion thereof, and shall report to the convocation each year, an abstract of his work.

Sec. 4. He shall have the right to issue proper certificates of any facts upon the records in his charge.

Sec. 5. All books papers and documents in his charge shall be subject to the call of the convocation, and shall be open to the inspection of the Bishop, the Council of Advice, and to any committee or officer of the Convocation or District.

Referred to the committee on Constitution Canons.

Your committee on Bishop's address recommends the adoption of the following resolution.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved: That the Convocation authorize a committee consisting of the Bishop, Treasurer and Registrar, to purchase or rent a suitable receptacle for the keeping of the records and documents pertaining to the office of the Registrar.

On the motion the resolution was adopted.

Hon. José R. F. Savage offered the following resolution.

Resolved: That the duties of the Registrar during the ensuing pear be in accordance with the proposed Canon, "Of the Registrar." (See page 26 for Proposed Canon.)

Seconded and adopted.

The Committee on Bishop's Address reported favorably upon the resolution to memorialize the General Convention for the appointment of a Commission of scholars to prepare a suitable version of the Spanish Book of Comon Prayer, and recommended the adoption of the resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

"Whereas, the present Spanish version of the Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments contains certain infelicities of language which seriously impair its usefulness, and substantial errors of translation in which the doctrine of the Church is not clearly set forth,

Therefore, be it resolved,

1. That the General Convention of the Church in the United States be memorialized, humbly praying that a Commision of scholars, competent in theology and the Spanish language be authorized and employed to prepare a suitable Spanish version of the Book of Common Prayer and Admin-

istration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, the same to be submitted for criticism and approval to the Convocations of Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands, and issued under the authority of the General Convention.

2. That the Bishop of the Church in Porto Rico be requested to have this Memorial presented to the next General Convention in such manner as he may deem most expedient.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was presented by the Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Church

The main work of the Committee on the State of the Church is to analyze and tabulate the statistics of the Parochial Reports. This has been done, and the tabular results will appear in due time in the Convocation Journal. Your committee desires to express its appreciation of the evident care with which the reports have been prepared.

During the year past the progress of the Church in all departments has been noteworthy. The confirmation and receptions of those already confirmed number 104 as against 53 last year. Especially good classes were presented at St. John's and St. Luke's Churches, San Juan, at El Coto de Manatí, and at La Santísima Trinidad, Ponce. In the latter two places new Spanish congregations of communicants have come into existence for the fiirst time. The present number of communicants in the District is 613 as against 551 a year ago.

Most of the parishes show satisfactory financial returns. St. John's, San Juan has established a new record of missionary giving with a total for the year of $378.75.

Your committee would recommend the issue of a new parochial blank for the more satisfactory return of the vital and financial statistics of the Church.

Your committee would also suggest that the attendance at services be carefully recorded in all parishes, and reported to Convocation. The mere number of services, apart from the attendance is an unsatisfactory index to the parochial life.

Your committee urgently recommends the issue of certificates of Confirmation and Reception in the Spanish language.

Signed.*L. M. A. Haughwout,*
For the Committee.

The Committee on the State of the Church recommended the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved: that the Committee on the State of the Church be instructed to prepare and print suitable Confirmation and Reception certificates in Spanish.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Resolved: that the Committee on the State of the Church be instructed to prepare and print, if the funds of the convocation permit, a new parochial report blank.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

The Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout presented the report of the Board of Religious Education and Literature.

Report of the Board of Religious Education and Literature.

At its first meeting for organization the Board elected Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout Executive Secretary, and appointed as a sub-committee on Religious education Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe and Mr. H. B. Moore, and as sub-committee on Literature, Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout, Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt, and Mrs Droste.

The Board has adopted a carefully studied program of publication in the Spanish language. It is felt that the publications most needed are as follows: 1. A four years course of Sunday School Lessons, 2; a series of popular tracts, and, 3; a substantial treatise on Church teaching. During the year past the Board has published the Spanish tract, "Dos Preguntas", and a beginning has been made on the first year's course of lessons. An elementary catechism, El Pequeño Catecismo has been published privately with the advice and cooperation of the Board. The Bishop has been instrumental in the publication of an excellent Sunday School instruction book entitled; "Manual de Doctrina Cristiana." The Jacobs series of Primary lesson cards has been published in Spanish, and has been distributed among the parishes and missions. Also a leaflet containing certain essential memoriter work has been issued privately.

The literature Committee of the Board has under advisement a book on Church Doctrine for the publication of which after translation there is good prospect of securing the necessary funds.

The Board has undertaken to replenish the stock of Prayer Books and Hymnals, and will endeavor to secure a supply of Bibles.

Respectfully submitted,

Lefferd M. A. Haughwout,
Executive Secretary.

Mr M. M. Sama de Atero presented the report of the Finance Committee.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

Your committee has decided to recommend for adoption by this convocation the same assessments for convocation expenses as were in force for the past year, viz;

St. Andrew's, Mayaguez,	$ 10.00
Holy Trinity, Ponce,	20.00
Transfiguration, Fajardo,	5.00
All Saints, Vieques,	5.00
St. John's, San Juan,	30.00
St. Luke's, San Juan,	10.00
Resurrection, El Coto,	10.00
Total	$ 90.00

Your committee further recommends that the following amounts be apportioned to the various parishes and missions of the District as their respective shares of the missionary apportionment, or contribution to the work of the Board of Missions.

St. John's, San Juan,	$ 80.00
St. Luke's, San Juan,	25.00
Holy Trinity, Ponce,	70.00
St. Andrew's, Mayaguez,	50.00
Transfiguration, Fajardo,	15.00
Resurrection, El Coto,	15.00
Total	$ 268.00

Respectfully submitted,

Chas B. Colmore,
M. M. Sama de Atero,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted. It was moved that the convocation assessment and missionary apportionments recommended in the report be adopted. Seconded and Carried.

The Bishop read to Convocation the report of the District Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary.

It was moved that the Convocation has heard the report with interest and recomends that it be printed in the Journal. Seconded and carried.

The President announced the following appointments.

Examining Chaplains. Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout, Rev. Leonard Read, and Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe.

Board of Religious Education and Literature: The Bishop, Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout, Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe, Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, Mr. T. R. S. Butler, Mrs. Mary Droste.

Committee on the State of the Church: Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout, Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, Mr. Esteben Reus, Mr. H. B. Moore.

Committee on Devotional Conference: The Bishop, Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt, Rev. Enrique Cuervos Gaetán.

Commission on Spanish Book of Common Prayer: The Bishop, Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout, Rev. Leonard Read, Mr. T. R. S. Butler, Dr. José Lugo Viña.

Reports of Missionaries were called for.

Verbal reports were made by, Rev. P. R. R. Reinhardt, Fajardo; Rev. S. Sutcliffe, San Juan; Rev. J. F. Droste; El Coto: Rev Enrique Cuervos, San Juan; Rev. L. M. A. Haughwout, Ponce; Miss S. R. Davidson, Vieques; Mrs. Mary Droste, El Coto; and Mr. Thomas J. Ash, San Juan; Miss E. L. Robbins presented the following report of St. Luke's Memorial Hospital, Ponce, which was accepted.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

St. Luke's Memorial Hospital. Ponce, Porto Rico.

May 1*st.* 1915 *to May* 1*st.* 1916.

RECEIPTS.

May.	1915.	$ 1384.70
June.	,,	1929.93
July	,,	1539.92
Aug.	,,	2464.86
Sept.	,,	1985.29
Oct.	,,	1971.74
Nov.	,,	1425.01
Dec.	,,	2377.81
Jan.	1916.	2202.26
Feb.	,,	1696.55
Mar.	,,	1426.44
Apr.	,,	1901.29
Total		$ 22305.80

Disbursements.

May.	1915.	$ 1879.86
June.	,,	1920.00
July.	,,	1433.28
Aug.	,,	2258.82
Sep.	,,	1722.39
Oct.	,,	1981.88
Nov.	,,	1607.38
Dec.	,,	2048.82
Jan.	1916.	2014.31
Feb.	,,	1568.03
Mar.	,,	1618.13
Apr.	,,	2044.46
		$ 22097.36

Balance on hand, May 1, 1916, $ 208.44

Number of patients during the year 1915-16, 600

E. L. Robbins, Superintendent.

Rev. J. F. Droste moved that two dollars be paid the janitor of St. John's Church for his extra work during convocation. Seconded and carried.

Committee on unfinished business had nothing to report.

Committee on Episcopal support presented the following report.

Your committee on Episcopal Support begs to report that it is sorry to find that suggestions offered in last year's report which was accepted by that convocation were not followed, as the only offerings made for Episcopal support amounted to fifty cents, there being only one offering during the whole year. Your committee reiterates the suggestions given last year that a yearly offering be made in all parishes and missions for the above object.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul R. R. Reinhardt,

For the committee.

On motion the report was accepted.

Rev. J. F. Droste moved that the thanks of the Convocation be extended to the Bishop, Rector, Wardens, Vestry and Ladies of St. John's Church, and of St. Luke's Church for the courtesies and hospitality extended to the convocation. Seconded and carried unanimously.

The Rev. Lefferd M. A.Haugwout offered the Convocation a cordial invitation to hold its next annual meeting in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Ponce.

Rev. Paul R. R. Reinhardt moved that the invitation be accepted. Seconded and carried unanimously.

The minutes of the Convocation were read and approved.

After prayer by the Bishop, the convocation adjourned without day.

Chas. B. Colmore, Bishop.

Attest:

Samuel Sutcliffe, Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

Annual address of the Bishop of Porto Rico.

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity of the Missionary District of Porto Rico:

My first words must be of sincere thanks to you for your unfailing loyalty and assistance during the past year. We are few in number in Porto Rico and our efforts do not show results readily, we must therefore be much to each other in faith and encouragement, and I appreciate what you have been to me. I trust that this convocation may furnish the opportunity for us to draw nearer together, that by thoughtful discussion, wise suggestion and deep devoten, we may be helpful to one another in seeking to carry forward the work which our Master Jesus Christ has given us to do.

I would first report to you my official acts.

I have given my consent to the consecration of the following Bishops:

Charles Fiske, Bishop Coadjutor of Central New York.

Wilson R. Stearly, Bishop Suffragan of Newark.

Edward C. Acheson, Bishop Suffragan of Connecticut, and to the election of the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Brewster, as Bishop of the Diocese of Maine.

I have accepted letter dimissory from the Diocese of Erie of the Rev. Lefferd M. A. Haughwout.

I have confirmed 104 persons in Porto Rico, 21 in Haiti, and 1 in Cuba.

I have celebrated the Holy Communion 53 times, Baptized 10 persons, and officiated at 2 burials.

I have made two visitations to the Missionary District of Haiti during the year and in January attended the Conference on Christian Work in Latin America.

Since our last meeting death has removed three of the Bishops of the Church, viz: William Edward Toll, D. D. Bishop Suffragan of Chicago, who died June 27th 1915, aged 72 years; Robert Codman, D. D. Bishop of Maine, on Octob-

er 7th 1915. aged 56 years; and George Biller Jr. D. D. Missionary Bishop of South Dakota, October 22nd 1915 aged 41 years.

There has been only one case of serious illness among our workers for which we thank God. Miss Frances Cuddy was taken ill in January and went to St. Luke's Hospital. There we used in her behalf a service of anointing of the sick, which is, as far as I know, the first time such a service has been officialy held by our Church in Porto Rico. After the service the Prayers used were distributed among the workers, and continually offered for her recovery, with the happy result that she is now apparently on the road to complete recovery at her home in the States. Advantage was taken of this occassion to authorize this service for use in the District.

Various changes have been made of which I wish to acquaint you. A new school was opened in the Condado, a suburb of San Juan, which has been called St. John's School. The closing last year of the only American private school in this section of the city seemed to make this departure a necessity, and permission was granted by the Board of Missions to move Miss Woodruff from Ponce in order that she might become the Principal of this school. With the exception of the salary of Miss Woodruff, the Board is at no expense for the conduct of the school. It is conducted on the lines of a Church school and I hope it will prove to be of usefulness to the Church in Porto Rico.

It was decided to close the parochial school in Ponce at least until the other activities of the parish have been provided for, and Miss Cuddy was consequently asked to help out at St. Andrew's school in Mayaguez for a year. She was engaged in that work when taken ill in January, since which time temporary assistance has been provided for Miss McCollough.

In January of this year, at the request of the Vestry of St. John's parish, the Rev. Samuel Sutcliffe was released from his appointment as Priest-in-charge of St. Luke's, in order that he might accept his election as Rector of St. John the Baptist's Church in this city. His election was made to date from January 1st 1916. Mr. Sutcliffe is still in active charge of St. Luke's parish, but it is hoped that relief can be secured for him during the next few months.

The resignation of Dr. L. W. Crossman was accepted to date from February 23rd of this year. Dr. Crossman has returned to New York, after completing three years service in in Porto Rico, and has taken up the practice of his profession there. The Board of Missions has under consideration the appointment of his successor.

At the present time we are in need of two Clergymen, one for St. Luke's Puerta de Tierra, and one for Vieques; two teachers for St. Andrew's school at Mayaguez, a Physician and a nurse for St. Luke's hospital.

We have three men in preparation for the ministry, two of whom are Postulants for Holy Orders, and all of whom are familiar with the language and the conditions under which they will have to work.

The Church at large has recently been represented in two conferences. The first of these was the Conference on Christian Work in Latin America, which was open to representatives of all christian bodies doing work in that part of the world. Men of many different views met on the common ground of faith in the atoning love of Jesus Christ, and of zeal and love for the souls of men. Men thought there of the problem of saving the world for Christ. Differences of doctrine and government were laid aside for the time while each sought to find out by consultation and advice how he might more efficiently conduct the work before him. To some of the Church in the States, the Conference seemed to tend too far toward uncontrolled protestantism and to be necessarily a denunciation of the Roman Church. To offset any such feeling, as far as the District of Porto Rico is concerned, a set of resolutions was drawn up, declaring our conception of the Church's position in Latin America sent round to the Clergy in Porto Rico and with their unanimous approval, forwarded to all the Bishops of the American Church. The conference justified the confidence of those who felt assured of the spiritual purpose of the meeting for no legislative action was taken which could in any way compromise any of the participating bodies, nor was there the expected offensive criticism.

On the other hand the side of the Church life dealing with matters of faith and order has been considered in a preliminary conference at Garden City, Long Island, in which the representatives of many different communions took part.

May God grant that thus His Church may have set forward His work, both in seeking the unity of God's people, and in an inward and deepening sense of the necessity for the individual salvation of souls, which can be accomplished only by forgetfulness of self in the service of others.

CHURCH PENSION FUND

It is a matter of deep concern to every one that the Church has undertaken to adequately provide in a business-like way for the aged and infirm Clergy and their widows and orphans. The matter has been studied scientifically, and it has been found that the payment of about 7% of the salaries will insure a fund sufficient to pension the clergy at the age of 68 years or upon disability, with an amount equal to one quarter per cent of the average salary, multiplied by the number of years in the ministry, or a minimum of $600. per year. It is intended that the parishes shall pay the said 7% on behalf of the Clergy, but the Board of Missions has also resolved to enter the system for all the Clergy paid by them in whole or in part. In order to provide for the more than 5,000 clergy of this present time, a fund of $5,000,000, is required for what is called the "accrued Liabilities". The Church has therefore set herself this enormous task of raising this amount of money before March 1st. 1917. When this shall have been accomplished and the plan is ready to be put into operation, the present General Clergy Relief Fund will be merged into the Church Pension Fund, and the aged and infirm Clergy will receive their annuity, not as a charity, but as a deferred salary. The system has been placed under the supervision of the government as any other life insurance company. I speak of this at length because it is of vital importance to us as it is to all the Clergy of the Church.

THE EMERGENCY FUND.

Last year when the Board of Missions sent out its call for an emergency fund to meet the deficit of $400,000, and proposed that each member of the Church give in addition to the regular offering for Missions an amount equal to one days income, the District of Porto Rico responded nobly. The amount was given by the Church and I believe that Porto Rico has the place of honor at the head of the list of the dioceses and districts who contributed in proportion to their means. But although the Board started out this year without a deficit, yet in this time of greatly increased cost of living and expected decrease in offerings we are facing a most likely deficit again this year. The call has therefore been sent out, asking that Church people contribute toward this anticipatied deficit. I trust that Porto Rico will again do her part toward bearing the burden of the Church in extending the kingdom of Christ throughout the world. I wish that we might take the lead in resolving to make this an annual offering, say at Easter, in addition to the amount we expect to give toward the apportionment.

GENERAL CONVENTION.

The General Convention will meet this year in October in St Louis, and we are to elect at this meeting one clerical and one lay delegate. In this connection, I would call your attention to certain proposed changes in the Constitution of the Church which were passed at the last meeting of General Convention and are to be ratified at the next one. Certain changes also are proposed in our own Constitution and Canons, which must be ratified by the House of Bishops before they can become effective with us.

It has been in my mind for some time that we should attempt something whereby these meetings of Convocation might be made of great spiritual and mental benefit to all of us. On account of distances it is impossible for us to participate in the summer conferences in the States, and it does seem that on this one occasion in the year when we all meet together, advantage should be taken of the opportunity of making it a time of mutual benefit and spiritual communion. I would

suggest that a committee be appointed to confer with the Bishop as to the means of accomplishing this end.

Again I would suggest that as time passes, events of contemporary history are forgotten, and it would be well to establish the office of Historiographer of the District, whose duty it should be to collect and preserve all accounts of contemporaneous events, thus compiling the account of the life of the work in Porto Rico. The history of the past fifteen years should be compiled while there is still opportunity to secure the information regarding the various events.

It would be well too for us to have a commission on the Spanish edition of the Book of Common Prayer, who should make a study of all inaccuracies of translation, euphony and diction, and be prepared to present suggestions at any time to the Commission appointed by the House of Bishops for this purpose.

We are living today under conditions of excitement and uncertainty. We may not know from day to day if the leaders of our country will be able to continue to remain neutral in the great world strife. We are continually harassed by thoughts of preparedness, as to how far we should go as a nation in a military way to prepare ourselves against the aggression of a possible invasion. One thing however which we should not forget is the fact that we are, as Christian men and women, already engaged in a warfare, which must continue throughout our earthly existence. Military warfare is caused by the selfishness of men, and it is only by our spiritual preparedness to meet the temptations of the evil one that the affairs of this world may be peaceably ordered and governed. There can be no neutrality for us in this warfare, and when the strong temptations come, as they will come, urging us to compromise ourselves with evil because that is the easier way, God grant that we may be strong in His Spirit, to overcome this enemy of selfishness. Remember that "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake" Let us count ourselves fortunate if we are able to bear burdens for Christ. Let us then approach our work here with joy, counting it a privilege to be permitted again to enter into the consideration of the problems of His work.

APENDIX II.

Report of the Treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Missionary District of Porto Rico.

Rt. Rev. Charles B. Colmore, D. D.
Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

I have the honor to present to you the third annual report of the Woman's Auxiliary in the District of Porto Rico.

Although it may appear on the surface that the Auxiliary has made small growth in the past year, yet we do not feel in the least discouraged. While there are no new branches to be reported, some of those already in existence have taken on new life and the future looks bright.

The United offering shows a most encouraging growth and we, as an Auxiliary, will be proud to present Porto Rico's share. This has reached the amount of $100.54 which, with interest, makes a total of $103.10.

This year's financial statement is appended.

Assuring you of the Auxiliary's loyal support in anything undertaken for Christ and His Church,

I respectfully submit this report,

Sarah R. Colmore.
President.

Financial Statement of the Woman's Auxiliary.

To cash, from parish meetings,	$ 13.00	To General Missions	$ 12.00
To Cash from Jr. Auxiliary.	19.44	To Cash on hand	1.00
To Cash United Offering May 1915 May 1916.	42.57	To Cash paid by Jr. Auxiliary to Local and Gen'l Missions	10.50
To cash balance 1915-1916.	57.97	To Cash on hand Jr, Treasury	8.94
Interest	2.56	United offering on deposit	$ 103.10
	$ 135.54		$ 135.54

	TOTALS					
	Totals	Parochial	Diocesan	General	Bal on hand 1916	Grand Total
H	28.56	78.32	12.19	28.56	05	119.12
	40.00	40.30	3.63	40.00	—	83.93
	85.00	164.00	52.58	85.00	—	301.58
	8.01	399.69	20.00	8.01	101.64	529.34
	393.15	3219.13	25.88	393.15	505.86	4144.02
	70.52	228.17	16.45	70.52	6.79	331.93
	16.60	74.42	3.64	16.60	19.90	114.56
9	641.84	4204.03	134.37	641.84	634.24	5614.48

CHOOLS.

schial Schools	
Pupils	Total
64	68
23	24*
57	61*
76	77
220	230

* Mission School

* Parochial School

APPENDIX 4. SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

	Teachers English	Pupils English	Total English	Teachers Spanish	Pupils Spanish	Total Spanish	Total Teachers	Total Pupils	Grand Total	Parochial Schools: Teachers	Parochial Schools: Pupils	Parochial Schools: Total	
El Coto				1	168	169	1	168	169				
Fajardo				4	48	52	4	48	52				
Mayaguez				2	64	66	2	64	66	4	64	68	
Ponce	1	10	11	5	95	100	6	105	111				
San Juan, St. Johns	3	42	45	1	12	13	4	54	58	1	23	24*	* Mission School
										4	57	61*	* Parochial School
" " St. Lukes				4	136	140	4	136	140	1	76	77	
" " St. Pauls				2	30	32	2	30	32				
" " Annunciation				2	50	52	2	50	52				
Vieques				2	74	76	2	74	76				
Totals	4	52	56	23	677	700	27	729	756	10	220	230	

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ANTS							Marriages			Burials		
	Present Number			Last Report								
Total	English	Spanish	Total	English	Spanish	Total	English	Spanish	Total	English	Spanish	Total
5	7	31	38	10	0	10	0	1	1	1	7	8
2	26	19	45	19	18	37	0	0	0	0	7	7
2	—	42	42	—	42	42	1	11	12	0	7	7
26	115	48	163	119	11	130	2	1	3	4	2	6
32	123	8	131	113	21	134	4	0	4	2	0	2
48	92	63	155	64	98	162	2	8	10	9	0	9
2	39	0	39	36	0	36	6	0	0	3	0	3
117	402	211	613	361	190	551	9	21	30	19	23	42

Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.

(*d*) A Committee on Unfinished Business.

(*e*) A Committee on Nominations.

(*f*) The Standing Committee.

(*g*) The Auditing Committee of three.

8. The receiving and referring of papers relating to the admission of new Parishes and Missions.

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5	7	31	38	10	0	10	0	1	1	1	7	8
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26	115	48	163	119	11	130	2	1	3	4	2	6
32	123	8	131	113	21	134	4	0	4	2	0	2
48	92	63	155	[illegible]	98	162	2	8	10	9	0	9
2	39	0	39	36	0	36	6	0	0	3	0	3
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APPENDIX 7.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE CONVOCATION OF PORTO RICO.

Order of Business First Day of the Convocation.

1. At 8:30 a. m., Celebration of the Holy Communion.
2. At the conclusion of the Holy Communion, the Bishop shall take the Chair and call the Convocation to order.
3. Election of a Secretary by ballot.
4. Roll call by the Secretary, the list to be provided by the Bishop.
5. Appointment by the Bishop of a Committee on Qualifications, to whom shall be referred any questions touching membership. Undisputed names and credentials to be acted on at once without debate, Question raised or referred to the Convocation by the Committee on Qualifications to be laid aside temporarily.
6. A constitutional quorum being present, in both orders, the President shall declare the Convocation organized for business.
7. The President shall announce the appointment of the following:
   - (*a*) The Chancellor.
   - (*b*) A Committee on the Admission of new Parishes and mission, to consist of one clergyman and one layman.
   - (*c*) The Committee on Finance to consist of the Bishop, the Treasurer, and one other.
   - (*d*) A Committee on Unfinished Business.
   - (*e*) A Committee on Nominations.
   - (*f*) The Standing Committee.
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(*b*) Registrar.
(*c*) Delegates of the General Convention (in Conventions years.)
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(*f*) Other elections, if there are any.

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13. Reference of any subject in the Bishop's address to special or regular committee, by motion.

14. Reports and action on them as follows:

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(*b*) By the Registrar.
(*c*) By the President of the Standing Committee.
(*d*) By the Chancellor.
(*e*) By the Committee on Episcopal Support.
(*f*) By the Committee on Admission of New Parishes and Missions.
(*g*) By any other Officer or Committee of the Convocation.

15. Misscellaneous business.

16. Adjournment to the second day.

Order of Business Second Day of Convocation.

17. Morning Prayer at 8:30 a. m., by appointment of the Bishop.

18. Reading of the Minutes of the preceeding day, and action on them.

19. The finishing of business under consideration at time of adjournment the day before, if any.

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XI. An address or communication from the Bishop shall be in order at any time.

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